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## THOMAS MABEY FAMILY

"Thomas Mabey was born in Mapperton, England, Oct. 15, 1812. He had married Esther Chalker, born at Loscombe, May 1, 1813. Six children resulted from this union: Maria, Dec. 3, 1838 at Kingcombe; Jane, May 13 1841, at Cattistock; Albert, September 4, 1843 at Wraxall; Joseph Thomas, June 30, 1845, at Wraxall; Esther, July 4, 1850, at Wraxall; John James, November 22, 1857, at Wraxall."

Maria was baptized a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on her 21st birthday in December of 1859. The other family members followed within the following two years. As was the case with many of the people that joined the "Mormons", they emigrated to the United States to join with the large body of members who had settled in the State of Utah.

In the information sent to us by Margaret Strawbridge, #29 we also learn that the Mabeys were gardeners on the Mapperton Manor Estate. This information was shared with her by Jean Mabey Barker, #25.

## CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS TO KIM

Congratulations to our member Kim Hartwig, #62 and her new husband Walter Raymond Lewis who were married September 25, 1992. We also would like to thank Kim. As busy as she was with wedding preparations, she still took time to prepare a video tape of the Orlow Maybee homestead and do an oral interview for us with Lucy Olds, a close friend of Milo Frederick Maybee's widow, Mary Amanda Rufus Maybee Cairns and two of their sons, Orlow William "Billy" and John Wilbur Maybee.

## BEAUTY

From an advertisement in a newspaper of 1892, we read: "Beauty often depends on plumpness; so does comfort; so does health. If you get thin, there is something wrong, though you may feel no sign of it. Thinness itself is a sign; sometimes the first sign; sometimes not. The way to get back plumpness is by *careful living*, which sometimes includes the use of Scott's Emulsion of cod-liver oil. Let us send you, free, a little book which throws light on all these subjects. Scott and Bowne, Chemists, New York City."



## HAROLD E. MABIE, SR. DIES

On August 29, 1992, Harold E. Mabie, Sr., our member, #92 died. He was a charming gentleman and we were proud to call him a member. Even after the age of 100 his letters to us were well written and full of humor. We featured him in the Communicator, issue # 10. He will always be alive to us and all who knew him; he touched too many lives and brought too many people joy for him ever to be forgotten. We are privileged to have a video tape sent to us by Diane Orme, his grand-daughter and daughter of Creta Ensley, member #38. It was recorded on the occasion of his 100th birthday party. We also are pleased to have an oral history of Harold interviewed by his son and daughter-in-law, Guy and Jean Mabie. The audio tape not only gave us an excellent overview of Harold's life, it helped us become better acquainted with his family, including his father, Alphonso Hale Mabie

## A "THANK YOU" FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Already several members have sent in items for our "Personal Corner". Such items will bring our members closer together.

I did not expect to have one from my sister, Esther Ness telling of the recent death of her husband Leif. I am certain that you will find her story inspirational. It does portray the stuff that we Maybees are made of. (By the way, she is 90 and very active!) Almost every mail brings exciting news of our clan from all over. Do keep it coming.

Our Schenectady office under Jack Maybee is very busy. Fascinating news will be coming.

By the way, when I was in College, I was kidded and often called "G. Perhaps", but I assure all that Maybees are never "a maybe". Ours is a go and get'em clan!

## LEIF NESS

The Maybee Society brings us many rewarding experiences. One that we cherish more than all of the others is meeting the members of the family in person or through letters. One of the special people that we met in our travels was Leif Ness, husband to Esther E. Ness #5, brother-in-law to our President, George Maybee Martin and grandfather to Elizabeth Sevy, #51. His family writes of him, "We are sad to tell you that Leif left us today on his last great adventure, a journey to the Great Beyond.

Leif Ness was born October 4, 1901, in Wapaton, North Dakota and almost at once his childhood adventures started. At age one, the family moved to Petersburg, Territory of Alaska. After his Mother's death in 1906, they returned to the States. Leif was taken into the home of Oscar Rindal at Miller Bay for a year. He had his first ice cream cone in Poulsbo, Washington, a tiny village in those days.

At his father's remarriage, he moved to Seattle where he graduated from the 8th grade. His father, Per, bought a farm at Edgcomb, Washington where Leif spent his high school years, graduating from Arlington High School.

The next ten years were an adventurous kaleidoscope. He was a high rigger in the virgin forests of Washington; worked in the apple orchards in Eastern Washington; went fishing on our coastal waters; had his ship go to the bottom during a storm in Grays Harbor; raised blue foxes for a year on an island in Alaska and bought and operated a service station in Port Orchard.

At this time Leif met and married Esther Eileen Martin. They had hardly settled in their first home when they sold the station.

In 1932 Leif and Bjarne, his brother, bought the old feed store in Poulsbo and spent the next 30 years -- during the great depression -- building it up to a big business and raising a family of two daughters, Janet Eileen and Sonya Karen.

Leif was active in the growth of the little town, serving seven years on the City Council, many years on the Port Commission, taught first aid classes all during World War II, and 30 years with his real love -- the Poulsbo Volunteer Fire Department. When he retired, he was assistant Fire Chief. In between, he built about 10 homes in Poulsbo; spent several seasons fishing in Alaskan waters; built a beautiful fishing boat, The High C.

When they closed the feed store and retired in 1960, we bought a motor home and started spending the next 20 winters in travel. We covered over 150,000 miles, from the Arctic Circle to Guatemala and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Leif was a fantastic traveling companion, and always ready to explore a strange road or to stop and smell the flowers. We also flew to distant places: Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Hawaii.

At age 85 we found the time had come to give the motor home #2 to the kids and turn our attention to enjoying our grandchildren. Leif enjoyed a close companionship with many of you. I'm sure you all join us in wishing him well in this, his last great adventure.

Inurnment will be with four generations of Esther's family in Weston, Oregon, at the foot of the lovely Blue Mountains."

## MELVIN R. MAYBEE

"I really enjoy the communicator and reading about all of our cousins. I came from probably one of the largest Maybee families, altogether our Mother had 15 children, twelve of whom lived, six girls and six boys.

I took the suggestion of your September 1992, *Communicator* to heart and combined some of the highlights of my career along with a few cartoons, etc.

I really enjoyed reading about Sour Dough Jack Mabee as I knew him well. We went to CWCE together in 1943. He was a cadet officer and once saved me from being washed out over a foolish mistake I had made. He told the board I was young and made a mistake and that I would become a good officer. I never let him down and he had a profound effect on my life and we have stayed in contact and remained friends over the past half century."

On reflecting on his 69th Celtic year birthday, Mel wrote to us for our personal column. "1. Born on 31 October, 1924, on Crow Island (Missouri River) about 45 miles S.E. of Omaha, Nebraska, near Nebraska City. 2. Drafted right after high school into the Army Air Corps. 3. From Private to Aviation-Student to Air Cadet to 2nd Lt. 4. Awarded 4 pairs of wings: Air Crew, Aerial Gunner, Bombardier and Observer. 5. Bombardier instructor of French and Chinese students, he also had his Uncle, Major Bud (Snuffy) Bates as a student. 6. Was a Tactical training Officer at Lackland Air Base, San Antonio, Texas before desegregation so trained 650 Black basic airmen every 2 1/2 months for two years. 7. Resigned commission, enlisted as M/Sgt. 8. Awarded air medal for flying as a Combat Observer with the Blackbirds in B-26 over Korea. 9. In June 1955 he came one of the first Regular Air Force Warrant Officers through competitive exams. 10. His name was entered in the 1955 *Who's Who in America*. 11. Has four different serial numbers, 12. Highest ranks: Army, 1st Lieutenant; Air Force, Captain; Navy, Temporary Captain. 13. Education: High School, Nebraska City, Nebraska; 2 year GE CWCE, Ellensburg, Washington; Air Force, Primary flight training in PT 17 Stearman Biplane, Aerial Gunnery B-17, Bombardier, Observer; Weather Officer, CPS Radar, Meteorology, University of Denver, Colorado. 14. Twenty Year retirement Air Force. 15. Employment: NASA Research and Development U.S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D.C. final employment was with Irving P. Krick Weather Associates Inc. as a weather Engineer at Palm Springs, California. 16. While employed for I. P. Krick Associates made two long range weather forecasts, each for 3 months, one for President Johnson entertaining South American dignitaries with a barbecue at his Texas "Rainch", the other was for Lady Bird Johnson for a White House Lawn picnic for the Highway Beautification Program -- both forecasts turned out well. 17. During his service career was stationed at 42 different Military bases from the U. S. to the Far East to Europe & North Africa. 18. For the past 9 years he has lived quietly on the bend of the river Trinity (with his tried and True Mate of the past 27 years,

Garland "GG" Louise Murray Potter Maybee) on a modest 6 acre estate in Trinity County near Shangri-La, North California and they would like to remain there as long as possible."

"While employed at the I. O. Krick WX. Assoc., besides writing about 30 weather forecast scripts a day for broadcast to radio stations from the Midwest to California to the Pacific Northwest, Making forecasts for utility companies, fruit and distillery operations and an occasional forecast for a Powder Puff Derby."

"One of the most interesting things Mel did, involved weather modification (increasing precipitation). Although this was patented around 1890 the process didn't really increase until around WW II. Several things are necessary to accomplish, this." (Mel carefully explains this operation using words such as silver iodide, artificial nucleation, prognosticated atmospheric conditions, ascension rates, but for the want of space we will let Mel fill you in on those details. editor) "These are more or less the basics, there are of course always other variable parameters and if all else failed Mel simply did one of his infamous "Rain Dances". He gets mixed results from these dances when he doesn't follow instructions correctly and then he just ended up pulling the chain".

"He is at present working on one that will end this California Drought, either during the 1993 Celtic Year or shortly thereafter. He overdid it once in South Dakota in the 60's and they went from a disaster drought to a disaster flood. One has to be cautious on asking him to start rain because the good book doesn't tell him how to stop it. Mel (Bob), in May of 1993, will attend his 50th high school reunion at Nebraska City, Nebraska"



## A LETTER FROM EVELYN M. FANELLI

"This past July, my sister, Patricia Mabie Magette, visited me for a week. During this time, we drove up to Scotia, NY. to the Jan Mabee House. We were met there by Mrs. Marion Jesmain and her husband, who gave us a tour of the house.

The beautiful old house, circa 1670, is the oldest in the Mohawk Valley, technically it is in Rotterdam Jct., NY. It is situated on the Mohawk River, in a picturesque setting, surrounded by huge trees. There is also an old family graveyard in the back of the house with very early dates on the stones. We took many pictures of the house, graveyard and slave quarters. Mr. Jesmain told us that a disgruntled farm worker had burned down the barn years previously, which had contained ancient farm implements. Mr. Jesmain, an elderly but sprightly person, showed us the old original furniture still in the slave quarters. Mrs. Marion Jesmain, a Mabee, was born in the house. Her daughter had designed some lovely note paper with a drawing of the house, which we purchased. At present, the paper is not available because the daughter is in Alaska, but Mrs. Jesmain expects to have some in the near future.

My sister and I have a special interest in the house as our nephew is named Jan Mabie. He is the son of our brother, Edmund, who is also a member of the Maybee Society.

I urge anyone who is able, to visit the Jan Mabie House and feel like part of history!"

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

"A copy of the Mabie/Mabee/Maybee//spouse family index is made available to the public in hopes that it may be of some genealogical value to the others and in hopes that some people will provide the compiler corrections and/or additional data that will update the file, fill in the gaps or help to bring some lines up to the present. Although there are over 13,000 names in the file at the present time, much more data is needed and gross misassumptions need to be corrected where authentic data can be provided

In addition to the Index, sample printouts are presented show the different formats in the which the data can be provided. Copies of the data printouts will be provided in limited amounts without charge. Extended printouts are available for a minimal fee (that is, the cost of the copy.)

The RIN number is the computer generated number for each person and should be included with the person's name for each request for a printout. The MRIN number is the family number generated by the computer for each member; it is not needed to obtain data.

The program used is PAF, Personal Ancestral File, by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Anyone wishing a computer generated copy of the data file should send two 3.5" disks, one high density and one double

density. There will be no charge for shipping; however, the requesting person should have a copy of the program or access to an LDS Family Record Center.

The compiler's Schenectady address is given on some of the sample printouts. Use this address between May and November. His Florida address is 100 Clyde Lane Apt. 106, Dunedin, Florida 34698. Telephone (813) 736-5593

Some of you may be interested in the source of the data in this file. Original work was started in 1963 by the compiler and his close relatives, especially Laura Gilmour and Mildred McKenney. During the 1960's, Howard McConville, Curator of the Schenectady County Historical Society, provided much guidance and free access to his entire Mabie file. Maurice Strobeck and Royal Mabee were encouraging and very helpful. After retirement in 1988, the compiler purchased a computer, R.R. Mutrie's book, *Six Thousand New York Ancestors, a Compendium of Mabie Research*, Pearson's, *First Settlers of Schenectady* and obtained a copy of Royal Mabee's printed file. He started in the PAF program with his own family and went on from there using Mutrie's book as a base and Pearson as a reference. Conflicts were resolved by checking Royal Mabee's notes and other references in the New York State Library, the Fonda Archives, the Schenectady County Historical Society library and state, town and county records. Wayne Mabie was able to provide the actual minutes book kept by Hansen Mabie of the South Valley Mabies' annual meetings, which have been held regularly since the mid 1800's. Here, Maurice Strobeck, the 1960's historian, had started a very thorough genealogy of the South Valley branch of the family. Many members of that family have been helpful, but Louella Brodie and her daughter, Donna Brodie Hatch, the present historian, Earl and Marietta Mabie, Edward (Ted) Mabie, Margaret Mabie and Wayne Marie have been especially helpful in providing data on the South Valley branch of the family. George Franchere was instrumental in providing direct and personal access to his father's material, which consisted of about 25 years of research and correspondence contained in the equivalent of 15 boxes of written records. Barbara Pogoda provided much data on the Slingerland branch of the family and access to the Bradt Book, which contained hundreds of additional family names. Other members of the family who have been very helpful in providing complete family data are Kim Mabie of Scotia, Cindy Lafforthun of Galway and Cheryl Park of Illinois.

A list of source material for this file would not be complete without mention of the Maybee Society under the able leadership of George Maybee Martin. The Maybee Society has its headquarters in Everett, Washington and Belva Perry, the Executive Secretary, has been especially helpful in providing data and in encouraging me in this work. Two specific sources of data provided by Belva are:: Royal Mabee's notes -- about 400 pages of Mabie/Mabee/Maybee genealogical records; the Maile Ho notes -- another 500 pages of family records.

John A. Maybee, Vice President of the Maybee Society

## REUNION OF THE DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM ORLOW MAYBEE

"Descendants of William Orlow and Elizabeth (York) Maybee met for a family reunion in Brinnon, Washington on July 18th and 19th of this year. Families attended from Oregon, California, Montana, Washington and Utah. John MayBee, #8 designed T-shirts for the reunion. The shirts were blue with the Maybee Coat of Arms, topped by the copper kettle of the ancient House of Valois, progenitors of the Montmorency, d'Mailly and Mabile Maybee line, in gold. The motto which he added for our branch of the family is "Singulare Aude," which translates from the Latin as Dare to be Unique or Dare to be Extraordinary." Each family was presented with a sheet explaining the background and significance of the Coat of Arms.

The reunion began with a salad bar dinner at the local Booster club and a program featuring a talent show and family history. Belva Perry, #2 and Barbara Carter, #3 compiled family biographies, histories and pictures that were videotaped by Bob Perry. Karen Hartwig showed a visit to the old homestead of William Orlow and Bessie (York) Maybee and their children in the Wisdom/Gibbons area of Montana.

A memento table contained many treasures, such as old wedding certificates, William Orlow's regiment chart and many very early pictures, including one never seen before by most members of the family, of Elizabeth York Maybee in her younger years.

Leesa Ackert, a daughter of Walter and Barbara Maybee Carter, had done a portrait of William Orlow and Elizabeth, using a young picture of him and a picture of Elizabeth at about the age of 50, which were the only ones available. After researching clothing and hairstyles for the period, she had aged him and made Elizabeth look younger. The similarity between the portrait and the actual photo of Elizabeth was amazing. A descendants chart on the wall and an accompanying photo album enabled everyone to find their relationship.

Saturday's schedule included breakfast on the Carter's porch, a visit to the Olympic Game Farm and pizza delivered by boat for dinner at the park.

The next reunion will be held in Montana in 1994 and the families will be able to visit many of the old home sites."

Barbara Carter

## ANOTHER VIEW

"The John MayBee family had a great time at the reunion. Designing the T-shirt was fun, since I had been working on variations of the Maybee family coat of arms for my own use. I had planned on a yellow shirt, but cooler heads prevailed, and the shirt looked very nice in a medium blue. While I was at the shop to have our shirts printed, the man arbitrarily pulled out a shirt to show me the quality and color. **It was for the Maybee Family Reunion!!** With a coat of arms similar to the one I had designed; it was for Patrick Maybee Bressler's reunion (and descendants of Charles Ivan and Pansy Elizabeth Bates Maybee). The coincidence stunned me momentarily, and then I had to have the shirt. When I showed my design to the salesman, and then showed him the shirt, he was so amazed that he gave me the shirt. (I donated it to the Maybee Society for their museum.)

We knew that living space would be at a premium, so we decided to rent a motor home for the trip. This gave us a comfortable way to travel and a place to stay when we got there. Barbara's property has RV connections.

Two of our three children were able to come up with us, and our pride and joy, our Grandson Jon, also enlivened our trip. Kathy and I did very little of the planned activities, we were too busy talking to all those we hadn't seen for a while, for years, or even forever.

The banquet Friday night was fun, but too soon over. Saturday, while great aunt Belva took Jon off to see the wild animals, we stayed at Barbara's and showed our video tape of our trip to the British Isles. The pizza campfire was a very enjoyable time for more reminiscing and just enjoying the company of my relatives.

Unfortunately, just when it was starting, it was over. Sunday morning, after we saw everybody off to church, we started home -- filled with a sense of family."

John MayBee



Above is a picture of Bret and Vickie (Sudds) Perry and their children, Tylor and Kendra in Maybee T-shirts. Bret is wearing a silver shirt with red lettering, designed for the reunion of the descendants of Charles Ivan and Pansy (Bates) Maybee. Vickie and the children are wearing shirts designed for the reunion of the descendants of Orlow and Elizabeth (York) Maybee. Tylor is wearing a hat from the Van Orden reunion. It says, "Van Orden Family Americans since 1623".

## JANE MABIE AND JOHN V.B. JOHNSON

Elizabeth K. Anderson, a descendant of Peter Mabie, ca. 1795 and Margaret Edwards, writes, "My great great grandmother was Jane Mabie, who married John V. B. Johnson on January 5, 1837. He was the music director of the Old Dutch Church in Tappan, NY. Their children as listed in the baptismal records at that church, were: Margaret Ann, b. 10/15/1837 (my great grandmother, whom I remember well); Peter, b. 7/30/1841; Ellen Jane, b. 9/27/1845; Evelyn Demeray, b. 4/22/1856 (I also remember this great aunt very well.) There were other children who were buried in Sparkill Cemetery (Rockland) where the rest of the family are buried, but their names do not appear in the baptismal records. One is Mary Johnson Pease, whom I also remember well. Another is Harry Johnson. I am wondering if you have a list of all of the children born to my great great grandparents in that long-ago time in Rockland Co. I would like to complete my records on that generation of my family. John V.B. Johnson owned a very large farm in Sparkill, and as far as I know, he and his large family always lived on that farm. After his death the large property was sold to the Catholic Church organization and is now a convent, I believe. There may have been other children, but I have not been able to trace them."

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### DID YOU KNOW MY GRANDFATHER?

"Charles Frederick Mabee was born April 23, 1908, and lived on a farm in Abington, Massachusetts for a short time. Living there also were his grandparents. (Probably his Mother's parents.) When Charles was a year old, his father Charles Alexander died, (10 April 1909). When he was about 5 years old, his mother Dora Gould Mabee, also died. After the death of both of his parents he was sent from one place to the next; finally ending at his Aunt Laura's (Mother's side of the family). When he became old enough he joined the Navy (I believe) and went to Hawaii. While there, about 1930, he had a daughter. My mother remembers him giving Aunt Laura money to send to them. After coming back to the States he married Delia Benoit -- from this marriage three girls were born -- Beverly (my mother) and twins Jean and Joan. And so, if anyone knows or remembers anything about my grandfather, Charles, would you please write to me as I never saw much of my grandfather. He and my Grandmother were divorced and both re-married. And so, I would love to hear from anyone who remembers him, or his Father Charles Alexander Mabee."

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### WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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Gayle first learned about us from a letter in the December, 1991 issue of *Early Canadian Life* written by Alice McDowell, #6. Her ancestry takes her back to Rachel Mabee, 1813; Simon Mabee, 1778; Frederick Mabie, ca. 1735; Simon Mabee, ca.1701; Casparus Pieterszen M, 1660; Pieter Casparszen M. 1647.

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Shawna Maybee is the grand-niece of our members, Larry Allen Maybee, #48 Melvin R. Maybee, #50 and Patrick Maybee Bressler, #100. Her lineage includes Terry Ray Maybee; Leo Maybee; Charles Ivan Maybee, 1895; Linsy Allan M., 1855; John Maybee, 1830.

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Jeri wrote, "Family history research is the joy of my life." Edward Maby, #75; and his mother Judith, #15 have been instrumental in helping her find more on her line. She was given Edward's name by the Westerlo Historical Society.

### TWINS

Anita Johnson, # 96 wrote to answer Ruth Glenn's question about twins in the *Communicator*, issue 15. "My mother (Mae Virginia) was born Sep. 1, 1890 in Seymour, Indiana, to Hugh Simon and Louella (Mc Whorter) Mabie (Mabee). Hugh Simon was the son of William Albert and Sarah (Sullivan) Mabie.

In September 1900 a set of twins was born, in Seymour, to Jennie (also known as Jane or Anna Jane) Mabie and her husband, Riley Everhart. Jennie was the daughter of William Albert and Sarah Mabie, and the sister of the above Hugh Simon."

## SCHOOLS IN COUNTY OF CAYUGA

Judith Maby, #15, writes. "In going through some family papers, I came across a School Register with the heading *State of New York, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, Daily School Register. For Schools having 80 pupils or less in Attendance. Two terms of 20 weeks each. District No. 2, Town of Fleming, County of Cayuga. For the year commencing October 1, 1877, and ending September 30, 1878.*

This register contains records kept during the terms of various teachers, in three terms, i.e. Nov. 12 -- Mar 7, 1878, A. Ida Hall; May 13 -- July 12, 1878, Sara Lawson; August 5 -- September 27, 1878, Benjamin I.C. Buckland. The latter, Dr. Benjamin Isaac Coman Buckland, was my grandfather. He was nineteen years old at the time. He later graduated from Cornell University, received his MD. from the University of Michigan, and practiced medicine in Fleming from 1882 until his death in 1918

From a personal point of view, the register is of interest because my great-grandfather, Alonzo T. Wyckoff, was a member of the board of trustees and it was on the occasion of Dr. Buckland's calling on Mr. Wyckoff to apply for the school that he met his future wife. Alonzo T. Wyckoff had a daughter, Avis May Wyckoff (all of sixteen years old at the time) and four years later, Avis Wyckoff and Benjamin I. C. Buckland were married on September 27, 1882, at Fleming, NY.

Avis May's younger brother, Burton Wyckoff (age 8 in 1878) was a pupil in the school. There were 29 pupils enrolled in the school first term -- eleven girls and eighteen boys. Ages ranged from five to seventeen. The next term, there were 28 enrolled. In Dr. Buckland's term (August 5th to September 27th) there were only 17.

From the Maybee Society's point of view, an item of interest is that the board of trustees included: Seth C. Clark, Alonzo T. Wyckoff and George F. Maby, the latter elected or appointed in 1875 to serve through 1878.

Among the students we find Fred Mabey, (all three terms) age 11 in 1878, son of aforementioned George F. Maby (spelled with "e" in the list of trustees) and Clayton G. Mabey, (May -- July term) age 5, in 1878, son of Byron Mabey. Among visitors to the school we find Loretta Mabey, probably the mother of Fred Mabey."

### ALMYRA OWEN MAYBEE

"Almyra Owen the first of a family of twelve children born to Armenius and Almyra Lynch Owen, was born at Richmond, Berkshire, Massachusetts, October 3, 1832.

Two years later the family moved to Monroe County, Michigan, where she grew to womanhood. February 29, 1851, at the age of 19 years she was united in marriage with Norman Maybee, also a resident of Monroe County, where most of their married life was spent. Nine children were born to them, viz.: Piere and Chauncy who died in infancy; Charlotte E., who lived to young womanhood; Frank E. who married Miss Adah Pettyes, and to whom one daughter was born. Genevieve, who married Perry Colins of Detroit to whom one daughter was born. Frank died July 5, 1916. Norman Maybee died Jan 24, 1871, at Richmond, Indiana.

Eva M., who married Charles Moses of Monroe, Michigan, to whom one son was born. Norman E. who married Miss Edna Rah of Toledo, no children; now living at Los Angeles, California. Mr. Moses has been employed for a large Toledo wholesale grocery house for many years. Their home is at Toledo.

Ida, who never married, is an expert dressmaker and makes her home with her sister Carrie in Chicago.

Carrie E. who married Federick Bauer, and to whom two children were born, Charlotte and Lawrence, neither married. They received their education in Chicago schools, where Charlotte is teaching. Lawrence is a successful young business man, now associated with a new firm at South Bend Indiana, the Harbart, Inc., Frigidare Co., of which he is treasurer.

Lucy Maybee, who made her home for a number of years with her Aunt Mary Brower on a farm near Grass Lake, Michigan, married Rudolph Hoppe of Chelsea. Five children were born to them: Alma, Cora, Elsia, Ellsworth and Douglas. Alma married Payson D. Foster, of Ann Arbor, Michigan to whom four daughters were born: Adell, Elizabeth, Alice and Marion; all living at home. Cora married Raymond Schile, of Detroit; two sons were born to them. Cora died Jan, 26, 1920. Elsia married Lee Young and to them one son was born. Ellsworth married Mabel Gethry of Chelsea; no children.

Cora, youngest daughter of Almyra and Norman Maybee married Harry Stroh, of Mansfield, Ohio, to whom one

daughter was born, Marguerite, who married Secor Cunningham, Jr. of Chicago and they have one daughter, Althea Stone Cunningham. Cora died April 1, 1922, at Boston, Massachusetts, and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery at Toledo. Mr. Stroh died several years previous

Almira spent the last years of her life with her daughters, Eva in Toledo, and Ida and Carrie in Chicago, dying at the home of the latter March 24, 1926, at the advanced\* age of 63 years, 5 months and 23 days, outliving all of her brothers and sisters except the 3 youngest, Charles, Carrie and Henry. She was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery at Chicago."

\*remember I am quoting this. BpThe above information is from the book *History of the Armenius Owens Family*, by Charles W. Owen and published in Quincy Michigan, 1927.

## THE DESCENDANT

Oh! the life of a descendant  
Is as jolly as can be.  
He excels in climbing backwards  
Up his old ancestral tree  
To get a view of graveyards  
That are hid from you and me.

He cavorts among the branches  
And ascends by leap and bound,  
The while his flattering followers  
Are cheering from the ground.  
But think of what might happen  
Should a rotten limb be found.

Sometimes a mongrel puppy  
Too young to think or heed  
Comes barking at our acrobat  
And thinks it has him treed.  
Down goes a date to choke it  
And pup runs off with speed.

But the wife of a descendant  
Must go her way alone  
No joy for her in tombstones  
Unless it be her own.  
She is no backward climber  
She goes her way alone.

Posterity in numbers  
May frolic at her knee,  
But living in the shadow  
Of that old ancestral tree  
The wife of a descendant  
Is as lonely as can be.

Sara Jernigan Nellis  
March 1928  
St. Johnsville, NY

If you could see your ancestors  
All standing in a row,  
There might be some of them perhaps  
You wouldn't care to know.  
But here's another question which  
Requires a different view;  
If you could meet your ancestors,  
Would they be proud of you?

Anonymous  
submitted Oct. 18, 1929 by  
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The Schenectady County Historical Society and were sent to  
us by John A. Maybee, our Vice President.

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## A CLUSTER OF MAYBEES

Within five miles or so in Florida you will find several  
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There are: Ruth and Floyd, #121; Margaret, #87; Earl and  
Marietta, #93 and George Franchere, #117. Right in the  
middle ( just off Main St. of Dunedin Florida and only five  
blocks from the gulf) are John A. "Jack" our vice-president  
and Mary. They share genealogy, some square dance  
together and they all enjoy one another.

## CORRECTION

The Schenectady County Historical Society is open five days  
a week. They are open from 1 to 5 PM, Mondays through  
Fridays. They are sometimes open on holidays as a  
convenience; (they were open on Columbus Day) so if you  
are going to be in the area you may want to contact them.

## THANK YOU

We appreciate those people who think that a "Personal  
Column" is a good idea and have responded with stories or  
events in their lives. You will find many of those stories  
here under the title "Personal Reflections".

Because of your interest and enthusiasm, the Maybee  
Society is regularly adding materials that bring to all of us a  
better understanding of the family. We are grateful for the  
family records, stories, histories, books, magazines,  
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