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Plessis-les-Tours, Home of Louis XI

RODNEY AND GEORGETTE GREEN VISIT FRENCH SITES

Rodney Green who descends from Richard Down and Fidelia Maybee and his wife Georgette visited France last October. He writes, "We were touring the Loire Valley on our way to a cousins home in Orleans, and stopped in Tours. Here we visited the Plessis-les-Tours, home of Louis XI. Louis bought the property from Hardouin de Maille on 15th February 1464 (or 1463), for 5500 ecus of gold. The guide spoke excellent English and spoke at length on the area history, since there were only four of us on the tour. She stated that the name Maille is as common as the 'Smiths' in the area. She directed us to the town of Luynes, about 4 or 5 miles west of Tours, where the Chateau de Maille is located. It is atop a hill and can be seen for a great distance. It is rather plain but formidable with great towers its main feature. There was no access to the grounds

or buildings as it is privately owned. The local church at the base of the hill is called Bse. Jean Marie de Maille. There are several references to the name Maille in the church, as the family seems to have been long time supporters. The town of Brissac and several others mentioned in the various versions of the Maybee history are all in this area of France. All in all, it was entertaining. I pretended to be 'King for a Day' and Georgette (born in Castelnaudary, France) was only a peasant."

THE CHRISTIAN CASTLE

What is meant by "Christian Castle"? This is often mentioned when referring to Anna Borsboom. (Example, page 118 of *The First Settlers of Schenectady* by Jonathan Pearson, published in 1873)

JOHN AND SHIRLEY WEIHING
1605 HOLLY
GERING, NEBRASKA 69341-1918



CHATEAU De MAILLE
Luynes France

A VISIT FROM GEORGE FRANCHERE

My husband, Bob and I were privileged to have George Franchere drop by on his way back to Florida from Alaska. He was on a bus tour that took him and fellow passengers to various points in Alaska, down the Al-Can highway and to various points of interest in Canada including Lake Louise and Banff. They had an enjoyable time and enjoyed they beautiful scenery. While in Alaska he was able to visit his cousin Marilyn Ann (Jesmain) Underwood. Marilyn, the daughter of our member #118, Marion Jesmain, is the artist whose drawing of the Jan Pieters Mabee house is featured on p. 6 of *The Communicator*, #14. At present, Marilyn is working at the Alaskan Village near Fairbanks. They are restoring a paddle wheeler there and she is painting the diorama for the background.

We were able to have a brief but very pleasant visit with George. Besides news of the family in Florida he also shared with us a beautiful notebook containing pictures, newspaper articles and other items of interest about the Jan Pieterse Mabee house. Thank you, George for a great time. If any of the rest of you come to our area, please give us a call, Bob and Belva (Maybee) Perry, 206-337-1369.

JAN PIETERSE MABEE FARM HOUSE UPDATE

The Mabee house has been cataloguing artifacts and they have now catalogued 600 items which are being stored at the Mabeey Moving and Storage Company in Greenbush. As usual, Maybee Society members have been involved. Kim and Gary Mabee, # 78, are serving as Co-Chairs of house maintenance. They have not only done much of the physical yard work, she also heads one of the catalog teams and co-ordinates with the town and other agencies to get things done. On September 14, 1994, Key Bank provided a number of employees to help with the work. At the moment they are negotiating a lease with a resident caretaker.

It has been decided that the building that was sometimes referred to as slave quarters will now be called the brick building as there is currently no evidence that this was ever slave quarters.

A number of old letters received from, George Franchere, #116, who donated the Mabee House to the Schenectady Historical Society, will be translated from Dutch into English.

Copies of some key documents related to the house and family, including Jan's will written April, 3, 1725, may be made available for purchase.

MABEE HEADSTONE LOCATED

Our President, Jack Maybee, was given a tombstone by Dan Keefer to be placed in the Mabee Farm House Cemetery. The tombstone was that of John (Jan/Johannes) Mabee, born Jan. 10, chr. Jan. 19, 1728, son of Pieter and Susanna (Vedder) Mabee. He married Alida Toll, Dec. 13, 1755; he died Nov. 24, 1796.

GETTING TO KNOW SISTER SUZANNE ALLYN

Suzanne writes, "Here is who I am:

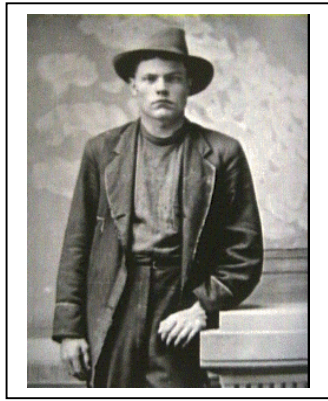
Suzanne Marguerite Allyn: 1940	Dansville, N.Y.
Earl Raymond Allyn: 1911-1990	Little Valley, N.Y.
Ethel May Mabee: 1882-1961?	Parker, SD
Gabriel Delancey Mabee: 1853	Tillsonburg, Ont. Canada
Oliver Delancey Mabee: 1825	Charlottesville, Ont.
Gabriel Mabee 1802	Charlottesville, Ont.
Oliver Mabee : 1774	Long Point, Ont.
Frederick Mabee: 1735	Long Point, Ont.
Simon Mabee: 1701	New Rochelle, N.Y.
Caspar Mabee: 1660	New Rochelle, N.Y.
Pieter Casparzen Van Naerden: 1608	New Amsterdam
Caspar Mabile: 1580	Naerden, Holland
Seigneur Pierre Mabile: 1550	Anjou, France

I noticed in reading my back copies (of the *Communicator*) the many men named Earl. Do you have any idea where this started? My father maintained he was named after his Uncle Earl, but I have no information on my grandmother's siblings. In our branch of the family we kept the French language alive and in fact my sister and I were sent to French academies in our early years. My grandmother, of whom I saw very, little did speak the language and told me once that her family did as well."

"On the religion 'angle,' my grandmother was, in her words, 'Huguenot' although in practicality it became Congregationalist. It was my father who converted to Catholicism. In Grandma's estimation this was grounds for disowning my father (which she did) and reliving the St. Bartholomew's Day massacre all over again. She did reconcile with him in later years but never ceased trying to undo the conversion! She was quite a lady!

I lived for some years in South Dakota in the late 70's and early 80's and visited the family cemetery (Rose Hill) in Parker, South Dakota. I also talked to an old timer in the town who said that Ethel Mabee had homesteaded a claim with another young school teacher -- he thought it was in Wyoming but since she went to Normal School in Lake City, Iowa I am inclined to think it might have been in the western part of South Dakota. I have never been able to find out anything more of this. She was married three times (discovered only upon her death) and was indomitable.

On a more personal level -- I work for the State of New Jersey as an Habilitation Plan Coordinator -- auditing the care of the disabled to maintain compliance with federal and state regulations. My religious community is quite a modern one -- called The Sisters for the Christian Community -- we do not wear habits or veils and work at many occupations, yet still under the traditional vows. In my spare time, apart from my religious obligations, I work with the Hispanics (am fluent in Spanish) and play a folk harp. At one time I was married and have three grown children."



John Henry Maybee in 1880

JOHN HENRY MAYBEE SKETCH

By John A. Maybee

"John Henry Maybee was born and raised in Edwards, N. Y. His father was Nelson Maybee and his mother, Eliza Poole. John Henry was born in September 1859; in the 1860 census Nelson Maybee was listed as a farmer in the town of Hermon, N.Y. By the time of his accidental death in 1886 Nelson had served in the Civil War and was working as a blacksmith in Fine, N.Y.

As a boy John lived the life of a rural lad, working and playing around the farm, playing in the near-by woods and swimming in the Oswegatchie river. One of the highlights of young John's life was leading his blind uncle and namesake, John Henry Maybee, around a local sawmill. When he was a little older, John spent a few summers helping his grandfather, Barnard Mabie, with the haying on his farm in the Perch Lake area of Jefferson County, near Evans Mills, N.Y.



Eliza Poole

John spent much of his time in the woods and soon learned to make his way in a logging camp. He married Clara Belle Wood on July 4, 1885, and they made their living logging in the local area. On July 17, 1897, they bought the Rushton House, a hotel in Edwards. They operated this hotel until 1904, when John had an opportunity to log a vast tract of land up in Canada. Because he needed capital to get

started, John found a lawyer in Watertown named Clute who agreed to invest \$10,000 for a share in the venture. The tract of land was in Quebec, just across the Ottawa River from Mattawa, Ontario. John got together a crew to

work in the woods, logging, trimming trees and skidding them out of the woods. The logs had to be hauled one mile up a mountain and floated down a flume which had to be built to get the logs down the other side of the mountain to the Ottawa River. The logs were then floated a few miles down the river to the sawmill, according to the sales agreement.

This project was completed by 1909 and then John and Clara bought a piece of land in Russell, N.Y. In 1910 they sold this property and moved to Canton, N.Y., so their daughter, Mildred, could attend St. Lawrence University. In 1911 they bought Hodskin House, a hotel on the banks of the DeGrasse River in the village of Canton. After a few years, John sold this hotel and went into semi-retirement. (During all these years Clara Belle worked side by side with John, working in the kitchen bearing a major share of the more difficult work. The young girls helped in the hotels doing chambermaid work and working in the dining room and even helping at the front desk. Young Nelson helped in the kitchen when he wasn't in school and showed guests to their rooms when they had their hotel in Canton.) Thereafter, John bought and sold farm property, owning as many as six farms at one time during his later years. He was also the principal backer in a coal and lumber business run by his son Nelson, in Canton, N.Y. for about 30 years.

It is interesting to note that, although not told in his family, in 1917 John Maybee won a lawsuit against a William A. Sullivan in which he was 'allowed \$7,061.25 on action to recover on note. This action is brought to recover on a promissory note for \$5000.00 given in 1907 as part of a purchase price of a quarter interest on about 100 square miles of timber land near Arnprior, Canada. Author's note: Although the reference is Arnprior, Ontario, the land was actually on the Quebec side of the Ottawa River, not far from Mattawa, Ontario."

This family is descended from Jan Pieterese Mebie of Rotterdam Jct. through the line of Abraham (1695), Albert (1738), Johannes (1776), Barnhardus (1806), and Nelson (1835).

Children:

- 3. Laura Ann Maybee, b. 9 Feb. 1887 d. 11 Jul. 1978
- 4. Mildred Marie Maybee, b. 31 Dec. 1891 d. 16 Oct. 1982
- 5. Shirley Maybee, b. 25 Aug. 1895, d. 7 Jul. 1896
- 6. Nelson Arthur Maybee, b. 26 Aug. 1900, d. 30 Dec. 1961
- 7. Leona Beatrice Maybee, b. 23 May 1904, d. 27 Oct. 1990."

REUNION IN SOUTH VALLEY

The reunion of family members in South Valley, was held August 14, 1994, was again a success. It is sponsored by descendants of William Mabie and Sophia Scripture but is open to all Mabies (however they spell their names). There were 45 members in attendance. Charlie Brodie is President and Wayne Mabie stood in for Jess Williams as secretary.

A SUCCESSFUL REUNION IN MICHIGAN

Cindy and Thomas Bryant hosted a successful reunion in Michigan. Cindy reports, "The Jeremiah Mabie reunion turned out great. We had 85 people (kids through adults). The display of information went over well and many people brought their precious photos, which I copied. The driving tour of the old homesteads and cemeteries was a big hit."

START PLANNING TO ATTEND REUNIONS.

The South Valley Reunion will be held the second Sunday in August (August 13, 1994, at the Women's club. For more information contact,

WAYNE MABIE

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YOU ARE INVITED

"Remember the happy group pictured in the last Newsletter -- the reunion crowd in Florida? Well, please join us Saturday, 4 March 1995. This reunion is unique in that the Mabee, Mabie and Maybee family members are (were) not all previously acquainted. Thus, everyone is welcome and encouraged to meet each other. If you plan to be in the Sarasota, Florida area or wish to make a special trip, let us know.

It would be great to hear from some additional spellings - we need some Mebie Mabe, Mabey, Van Orden and Van Norden representation, no age limits, Florida golf courses are numerous, choice beaches, boating abundant, tropical sights and sounds, cameras important, casual attire, museums, concerts, shopping. Hope to see you in March"

DELORES BRENNER

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PUNTAGORDA, FLORIDA 33950

AFFIE MABIE AND JOHN MARTYN (MARTINE)

"John was born in Oxford, Massachusetts in 1690. I could not believe that at first, since the 'town' is not on the coast of the state in the area originally settled. However, the facts were true, including two Indian massacres at the site, a settlement founded for Huguenot refugees. I have additional proof of John Martin and Effje Maybe being husband and wife. History of the Reformed Church of Tappan, N.J. p.148 says Effje Maybe, wife of John Martin, joined the church by Certificate of Membership on October 18, 1744. John Martine's will was probated November 15, 1760, so he would have been deceased at the time. He was a resident of Haverstraw Precinct, Orange County, New York. His will lists his family.

Affie Mabie was the daughter of Caspar Mabie and Elizabeth Schureman, who are both buried in the Tappan Reformed Church burial ground in Rockland Co., New York. Caspar's father was Pieter Casparszen Mabie, his

mother Aechte Jans." ... I would like very much to prove somehow, when Caspar and Elizabeth either lived in, or bought their New Jersey property. ... "Do you know when they crossed the river? Since I am a native of New Jersey I have a strong feeling for my state and its history." The above information was shared by Loyola Vuolo. If you can answer Loyola's query please contact her:

LOYOLA T. VUOLO

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TYRONE TILLSON IS WORKING ON THE LIEUALLEN HISTORY

"At the moment, I am spending some time trying to organize 130 years of Lieuallen history which has been collected by the family, but never put in order. As usual, the project has become a lot larger than I figured on, but in a couple of months I hope to have it finished and bound into book form for those who might be interested. ... I have next to nothing about my great Aunt Adda and Uncle Marvin and their descendants and I was wondering if you could help me fill this gap." George W. Maybee, b. January 13, 1873, married Ellen Nellie Shaw, daughter of John Shaw and Mary Elizabeth Lieuallen. If you can help Tyrone please write to him:

TYRONE TILLSON

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WHO SAYS NOBODY'S PERFECT ?



photo by
Curt Middleton

These guys are. ... Or, at least each recently rolled a perfect game in sanctioned league bowling. Scott Schrieber (L), a teacher in LaBelle, bowls with the Monday night Men's Tri-County. Victor Gaines, son of our member, Barbara Gaines # 122, of V. A. Gaines Ag. Services Irrigation Specialists, bowls with the Saturday night Moonshiners. Schrieber and Gaines both bowled their 300 games at Lehigh Lanes.

THE WILLIAM MABIE FAMILY OF SOUTH VALLEY, NEW YORK

Submitted by Patricia (Norton) Mabie

"William Mabie and Sophia Scripture Mabie were the Progenitors of the South Valley Mabies. They moved to South Valley from Cobleskill, New York, about 1842 and bought the farm located just west of South Valley consisting of 160 acres. William raised mostly hops, as that was the main industry at the time. He also had a few milk cows and a team of horses to help with the work and for pleasure.



The farm has continued down the Mabie line for seven more generations and is currently an operating dairy farm, owned by the Leland Mabie family. The original farmhouse was a log cabin located west of the present farm barns. The cabin burned in the early 1850's. The present house was



then built east of the farm buildings on a rise above state route 165. When the cabin burned down, the children were farmed out; James, the eldest, went West, the others remained in the local area.

In 1868 a portion of the farm land consisting of 60 acres in the eastern section of the Mabie farm was sold to the South Valley Christian Church for a burial ground -- the present, Pleasant Brook - South Valley Cemetery, where many of the Mabies have been buried. William, Sophia and eight of their children are buried there.

Today in South Valley, there are approximately 20 Mabie families, offspring of the William Mabie branch, living there. In 1994 the oldest living Mabie in South Valley was Doris Mott, she turned 89 years old in August.

Doris is the daughter of Emmet Mabie, a grand-daughter of Washington, and great-granddaughter of William and Sophia Mabie. Mrs. (Lester) Mott recently gave a portrait of William Mabie to Mr. and Mrs. Leland G. Mabie and it hangs in their dining room for visitors to see. Mr. and Mrs. Leland Mabie are the current owners of the William Mabie farm. Their son and his wife, Leland F. and Fran Mabie are the current operators of the dairy business on the farm.

The annual Mabie reunion for descendants of William and Sophia Mabie is held the second Sunday in August at the Community Hall in South Valley. The first Mabie Reunion was held on July 8, 1914, in the Church parlors at Pleasant Brook.

The slate of officers elected in 1914 for the 1915 reunion were David A. Mabie of Amsterdam, President; Mrs. Arba O. Mabie, of Maple Valley, First Vice President; Mrs. Bert Gray of Pleasant Brook, Second Vice President; Mrs. W. Vickers of Roseboom, Secretary; and Elmer Mabie of South Valley as Treasurer.

The above information is submitted by Mrs. Leland G. (Patricia) Mabie of South Valley. It has been assembled from her extended records and genealogical research of the William Mabie family. For additional information, Mrs. Mabie may be contacted at the following address:"

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THE MOHAWK VALLEY ITS LEGENDS AND ITS HISTORY by W. Max Reid, c. 1901

Reprint 456 pp. 71 illus., index

"The Mohawk River and Valley was a major thoroughfare for many years. There were great controversies between Mohawk and Huron Indians in the 17th century, and later by the English, French and Americans. It gives an excellent picture of their hardships and mentions many of the early settlers names, including Mabie, Phillips, Vrooman, all conveniently indexed. Great illustrations!!"

by Mary Lou Smith August 1994

Mary Lou (Mabey) Smith, #77, writes. "I reviewed the above book for our local Genealogical Society, and was surprised and pleased to find the frontispiece illustration was a picture of the Mabie House in Rotterdam, N.Y., built in 1680. "The oldest house in the Mohawk Valley." The book is available from:

HERITAGE BOOKS
1540 E. POINTER RIDGE PLACE, SUITE 300
BOWIE, MARYLAND 20716
Cloth, \$35.00 plus \$3.50 shipping.

BRIAN LOVES MUSIC

Our member, Brian Brown, #143, joins many family members who love music. He plays the French horn and teaches music.

ELIZABETH SCHUERMAN AND CASPAR MABILLE

From the book: *William Schurman, Loyalist by Graves*

Lysbeth Schuerman: As Lysbeth Harmenszen, bapt. Sep. 22, 1665, in New York. As Elizabeth Schuurmans, admitted to church membership Dec. 3, 1681 (Dutch Church Records New York City). Lysbeth Schuermans, from Santfort (probably Stamford), m. Dec. 14, 1687, (Dutch Church Records), Caspar Mabile or Mabe (Caspar Pieterszen Nebij) of New York, b. in New York City, bapt. in the Dutch Church there Feb. 15, 1660, son of Peter Mabile (also called Pieter Casparszen, Pierre Gaspard) and his wife Aechte Jans van Norden.

Lysbeth and Caspar moved to Harlem and later, probably in 1700, to New Rochelle, where he was a member of the French Church. By 1708 they had removed to Bergen County, New Jersey. Four of his sons returned to settle in New Rochelle, but they, with their families, eventually moved to Courtland Manor. -- Secord, 1941, p. 37.

Issue surname Mabile variously spelled:

1. Pieter Mevi, bapt. Dec. 26, 1689, New York.
2. Frederix Mebie, bapt. Sep 1, 1695, New York.
3. Jeremias Mebie, bapt. June 25, 1699, New York.

A Jeremiah Mebe, Mabe appears in the New Rochelle town records in 1762, 1771, and 1771 as a witness to a deed, overseer of highways, and a signer of a petition, respectively.

4. Abraham Maebie, bapt Nov. 18, 1705, New York, m. Silvia Coquillet, daughter of Francis and Silvia (Sicard) Coquillet.

5. Johannes (John) Meebij, bapt. May 9, 1708, Dutch Church, Hackensack, N.J.: m. Susanna --- .

6. Simon Mabile or Mabe, probably born in New Rochelle, m. Marie Landrin, daughter of Guillaume and Marie (Sicard) Landrin. A Simon Mabee was elected overseer of highways for New Rochelle, 1739; land of Simon Maybee referred to in deeds, 1736 and 1737.

Sent to us by Louise Everest, #151

DUTCH SYSTEMS IN FAMILY NAMING: NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

Our President, John A. Maybee, shares his review of the article, *Dutch Systems in Family Naming: New York and New Jersey*, by Rosalie Fellows Bailey, Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists. The article first appeared in the National Genealogical Society Quarterly in two parts, March 1953 and December 1953. It may be obtained from that Society by sending \$8.00, including shipping to: 4527 17th St., North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399.

Ms. Bailey describes the Dutch System in naming: the patronymic, the place-origin surname, the occupational surname, personal characteristic names, the diminutive and the first names of children. The article is well documented

and uses the records of numerous early Dutch families to illustrate the topics and to show some of the many cautions that must be taken in tracing family lines. While it is helpful to know the naming systems in tracing the family from one generation to another, it is also important to realize that our early Dutch ancestors may have appeared in the records under more than one name and that more than one name may have been used in a given record.

In making her points and using family charts for illustrations and explanations of the various topics, Ms. Bailey goes into considerable detail in analyzing the family charts. This is a great help in understanding the naming customs, and it also provides a wealth of information about the translation and alteration of early family names.

THE REVIEW

The Dutch Government of New Netherland lasted for only about 40 years, but the Dutch naming system persisted here into the nineteenth century. (A lack of understanding of how these names were translated into English and altered in this translation has created many problems for family researchers.)

The Dutch method of naming was very systematic but it does require knowledge, resourcefulness and experience to unravel. The Dutch followed naming customs of earlier times. The English also followed these customs, but they were much earlier in developing and using surnames. The Dutch brought these naming customs to this country along with their language and persisted far into the period of English rule. Thus, translation and the lack of formal education added the problem of altered names.

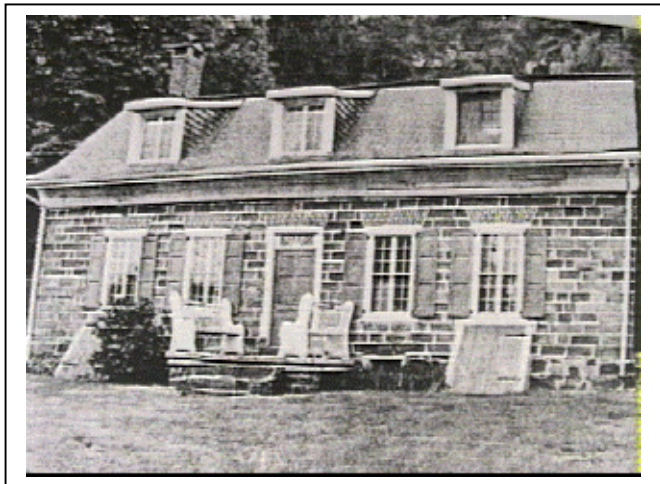
The patronymic, identification by the father's first name, was the predominant system used by the Dutch in America. The spelling of the first and last names and of the patronymic ending varied greatly, depending on the carefulness of the writer. Common male endings are z, or more commonly szen, sen, and se, meaning the son of. Common female endings are: s, se, sd, sdr and even sen; the full suffix is sdochter, meaning daughter of. The charts mention marriage records; j.m. is explained literally as young man, meaning bachelor; j.d. literally means young daughter and is used in the sense of unmarried maiden. Widower and widow could have been recorded as wed^f and wed^e, respectively.

In explaining the charts, Ms. Bailey notes that first names appear over and over. This is because the Dutch almost invariably named children for the grandparents. In one chart she uses the Ryersen Family to show that two people with the same name may not be related. Two emigrants with the same patronymic were called brothers, but the relationship is questionable -- they did not act as sponsors for each other's children as was customary among the Dutch. The same chart is used to show that the eventual surnames in a family often become established at different generations in different branches of a family.

(to be continued in a future newsletter)

JEREMIAS MABIE: MICHAEL SALYER HOUSE

From an article in *South of the Mountains*, the publication of the Historical Society of Rockland County, New York we read, "Spring Valley Water Co. and River Vale Realty are the second winners of the preservation leadership award for their role in preserving two sandstone houses.



One is the Michael Salyer house, owned by the Spring Valley Water Co. for thirty-four years. It was constructed on lot 10 of the South Moiety of the Kakiat Patent. Erskine's Revolutionary War map, prepared for George Washington, appears to show a house on this site, and it has been traditionally known as the Jeremias Mabie house. Recent research indicates that the present house was built after the Revolution, circa 1785, by Mabie's son-in-law, Michael Salyer who married Jeremias' daughter, Elizabeth. When Michael Salyer died in 1810, the farm of approximately 130 acres was divided among his three daughters, and his daughter Mary inherited the house. The house subsequently passed through many owners until it was acquired in 1958 by the Hackensack Water Co. (later The Spring Valley Water Co.), along with thousands of other acres, in order to construct the Lake Tappan Reservoir.

Since 1958, the water company has rented the house as a residence and maintained its safety and historic character.

Stylistically, this is a Federal, Dutch-style, one-and-a-half story, sandstone farmhouse with five bays and handsome brick lintels. It was built on Blue Hill Road (laid out in 1747) to face east over the Hackensack River. Now it has a pleasant view of the reservoir. The house has survived intact for the most part. The interior is laid out in the traditional manner with a central hallway running through the house on the first floor. At each end of the hallway is a Dutch door and on each side are two rooms. The east rooms have fireplaces and an elegant Federal mantel survives in one. The original upstairs loft has been finished off into four bedrooms, and a later frame kitchen wing was added at the rear of the house.

On September 16, 1992, the Spring Valley Water Company together with River Vale realty transferred title of the house to the Town of Orangetown and provided a ninety-nine year lease on the land. By handing this property over to the people of Orangetown, the water company has preserved for posterity a significant example of Rockland County's rich architectural heritage. The gift in turn has generated a commitment on the part of the government of Orangetown to maintain the house as a local history museum. In a few short months, dozens of volunteers, led by Orangetown Historian Maria McKay, worked hundreds of hours to make this commitment a reality.

Spring Valley Water Co. was also the owner since 1975 of another historic sandstone house, ... known as the Teaberryport house. ... This spring the Spring Valley Water Co. with the River Vale Realty transferred title to the house to the town of Clarkstown. ... This transaction has now provided another cultural resource that is important to Rockland County's heritage.

We would like to thank Judith Mabe and Ralph Blauvelt for sending us this information.

SEEKING INFORMATION ON CORNELIUS J. MABEY

Jym Mabey, #104 is seeking to learn more about the descendants of Cornelius J. Mabey, born in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. He died in Newton, Massachusetts. If you have information about this family, Jym would love to have you write, call or fax him:

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THE DUTCH FAMILY HERITAGE SOCIETY

Charles C. Stoodley our member #147, tells us that Dutch Family Heritage Society is a very good source for those of us descending from early Dutch Settlers. For more information contact:

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ON ST. JOHN ISLAND IN 1798

A return of the inhabitants on the Island of St. John taken in April 1798, by order of his Excellency Governor Fanning, by Robert Fox, Deputy Surveyor sent to us by Louise Everest

No. of lots or twps	names of the Heads of Families	u16	males 16-60	a60	u16	females 16-60	a60
Lot #19	George Mabey	2	1	0	5	1	0
lot # 26	William Schurman	3	4	0	3	2	0
	Peter Schurman	1	1	0	0	2	0
	Peter Mabee	4	3	0	1	2	0

A POLICY CHANGE

We are about to make a change in policy. We have been charging \$20 for membership in the Maybee Society, which included all of the past issues of *The Communicator*, and we then charged \$10 as an annual fee. We now feel that sending the past issues is becoming too overwhelming to those who receive them and too expensive for us to send. Therefore, we will now send to new members the future newsletters. We will also send an index of past newsletters, so that they can be purchased individually and a list of members, so that members can contact each other for information and support. We will now charge a "start-up" membership fee of \$10 and then in following years an annual fee of \$10 for dues. This policy will go into effect on January 1, 1995.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

LELAND AND PATRICIA MABIE, #156
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Patricia and Leland Mabee, of So. Valley, research So. Valley cemetery records. If you would like to further that work you can make donations to the South Valley Cemetery Association in care of Pat and Lee.

TERRY AND GLORIA MAYBEE #157
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JANESVILLE, WISC. 53545-1352

Terry G. Maybee is the great-grandson of Hiram Maybee who moved from New York State to Wisconsin. He and his wife Gloria D. (Nedland) Maybee have two children, a son Stacy G. Maybee and a daughter Christi Jo (Maybee) Boughton.

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"All true, as is the fact that we are moving again, to a new job and a new apartment, as we continue to work as site resident building managers." -- Charles' most recent letter was full of exciting news. Their new place is perfect for them and they are receiving many excellent benefits. Charles is even finding time for genealogy. He is putting together a biographical booklet on Silas and Nancy Van Patten. It includes Silas' return from the Civil War and the mill they established in the 1880's at Duanesburgh, Schenectady Co., N.Y. We are looking forward to the completed work.

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