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#### **NEBRASKAN RECALLS D-DAY IN 1944**



An Associated Press article recounted in The Grand Island (Nebraska) Independent tells of our member #138, John Weihing. John and Shirley did not know it was in that paper until a fellow genealogist on their Traux/Van Patten line sent it to them.

"As other soldiers prepared to scramble onto the shores of Normandy for the D-Day invasion, John Weihing, a former Nebraska State Senator, remembers the invasion and the battle with Nazi

Germany troops with a mixture of horror and pride. He is one of 51,118 World War II veterans in the state who have survived the war, and time, to mark the 50th anniversary of probably the most daring amphibious assault in the history of modern warfare.

As a young officer, 2nd Lt. Weihing, then of Rocky Ford, Colorado, was one of the 20 man contingent of the 'Screaming Eagles' that landed behind Utah Beach to prepare for the invasion. After he landed he found himself uncomfortably alone. That night he captured a German and surprised a French farmer, who told all his friends about the invasion. They soon got the message out and there came French people bearing milk and strawberries and wine,' Weihing recalled.

The first three days of the assault, Weihing spent in a tiny French village, fighting off Germans and waiting for his comrades to advance. 'We were in a nip and tuck situation,' he said. 'We were isolated, and we continued to be isolated for three days.'

John Weihing is a descendant of Jan Pieter Mabile's daughters, Metittje, Maria and Eva.

#### **WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER**

I never would have suspected that a simple line in a newsletter would result in this newsletter being so far behind schedule. The line read, "We will also send an index of past newsletters and a list of members, so that members can contact each other for information and support." I had started the project in August and thought that I must surely be close to a conclusion. Not so. I spent many early and late hours working steadily (and what seemed to be extremely slowly) on preparing the documents. I spent restless hours knowing that with so many little details I must be making many mistakes. My only solace was remembering that this is a mutual effort. I therefore hope that you will call mistakes to my attention. Unfortunately I cannot go back and correct mistakes in earlier newsletters except by retraction but I can correct any errors in ancestral lines and in the index for those who will be receiving them later.

#### **FUN AND FULFILLING**

Mel and Charmaine Van Orden reported on their busy summer. "My, what a whirlwind. We went on a splendid tour of the Holy Land on the 28th of April, landing in Salt Lake City on Mothers' Day. This tour was beyond our fondest expectations, words aren't adequate to convey the feelings we have! We'll never be the same again! You can't come from there without feeling you want to be a better person." Then, "We traveled with Mel's brother, Maurice and his wife, Carol, to Glacier National Park and on to Cardston, Alberta, Canada where we attended a session in the Alberta Temple - coming home by way of Yellowstone Park - so you can see we've been busy and having fun along the way!"

## REUNIONS

There have been family reunions in St. Louis, California, New York, Michigan, Idaho, Montana, Ontario as well as in Florida.

### VAN ORDEN FAMILY REUNION

The Van Orden Family held a "Round Up" Saturday, July 30, 1994, at Downata Hot Springs, Downey, Idaho. Their events included games for the children and icebreakers for the adults, lunch, a family program, talent show, genealogy and just plain visiting. Good times were had and memories were built and remembered. Of the 12 children there are now 83 grandchildren, 246 great grand children, and 5 great-great grandchildren. With spouses that makes 424. Ninety-five family members have served on missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and 98% of those married have been married in one of the temples of that Church.

They have been holding monthly "Family Home Evenings" for nearly 50 years.

There were T-shirts printed for the reunion with colored lettering on a white shirt. They featured the logo - Van Orden Family- Americans since 1623 with an outline of the USA and the trail that this branch of the Van Orden family followed west.



### DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM ORLOW MAYBEE RETURN TO MONTANA

A reunion was held in Butte, Montana, for descendants of William Orlow and Elizabeth (York) Maybee. The usual visiting, eating and story swapping that accompanies all Maybee family reunions was in evidence but one of the most exciting parts of the reunion was the opportunity to visit sites that figured prominently in the family's history. Karen Hartwig and her daughter Kym Hartwig Lewis, member #62, hosted the festivities.

### REUNION AT SARASOTA FLORIDA

Our most recent reunion was held Saturday, March 4, 1995, at the Palm Aire Country Club in Sarasota. It was jointly hosted by De Brenner, #101 and our President John A. "Jack" & Mary Ellen Maybee (although Jack reports that De did most of the work). Several people have written to say what a wonderful time they had there and have sent us pictures. The pictures, themselves, tell the story. The setting was pleasant, the room was attractively decorated and the tables were topped with beautiful flower arrangements by Mary Ellen. There were 45 happy, smiling people in attendance, many of them meeting each other for the first time. Family treasures were displayed to the delight of all. Each attendee had the opportunity to acquaint us with their

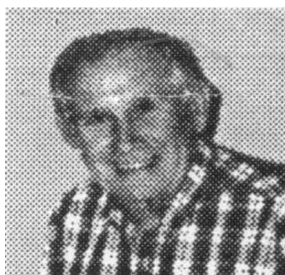
connection to the family.

Four generations were among those attending the reunion in Florida: Margaret Buffham Maybee, Barbara Maybee Gaines, Peggy Gaines Burt, and Kristen and L.B. Burt.

### PERHAPS THE MOST COMPELLING REUNION OF ALL

Perhaps the most impressive reunion was one that we were not all invited to. Meeting with the group would be George, Royal, Frederick and many others. Some of our finest people went to attend. Among those in attendance would be:

### EDWARD LEROY "TED" MABIE, SR



Francine Haefner gave a tribute to her brother, Ted, at the Florida Reunion. She said, "Last year my brother, Ted Mabie was a most exuberant attendant. Since retirement, he had become fascinated with researching our genealogy. He so admired Royal Maybee, Jack Maybee and Delores Maybee Brenner for all of the

work they had done and he wanted to do what he could to help.

After a lifetime of good health, it was discovered that Ted had pancreatic cancer and there was no known cure. After a long battle for survival, he died last November, leaving his wife Geneva and two sons. Who, thankfully, are doing well on their own.

As I look back over his life, I realize that his achievements in life were definitely determined by his positive attitudes and special attributes, and the influence of our parents. He and I were both born in Janesville, Wisconsin. When he was two and I was four, our parents left all their kinfolk to find a new life in Detroit. Our Dad, Paul Mabie, began his career in the Ford Motor Co., in the Tool and Dye Dept. In time he became one of Henry Ford's proteges. He had bought a lot and, with Mom's help, built a small bungalow on the back of the lot where he intended to later build a better home in the front. When two more sons were added to the family and another on the way, he determined to go ahead and after work and on weekends dug out the basement with a shovel. Ted and I were helpers. At about the age of 7 Ted was building go carts and scooters from odds and ends he found in the junk yard. Like his Dad he was inventive and determined even then.

There were just a few brief years in Dad's Dream House and then he was promoted to a bigger job in New Jersey. Then on to St. Louis to manage another Assembly Plant. Ted watched his Dad make progress through the years and wanted to be like him, but he looked to his Mother for most of his character building.

By the time he graduated from High School, our country was in World War II so he joined the Army Air Force. While there, he learned to express himself in writing. It was a necessity if he wanted to hear from friends and family. When the war was over he went to the University of Missouri at

Rolla, Missouri. It was there he met and married Geneva. Their first son Ed was born shortly before his graduation. Tom was born 5 years later.

Life was a struggle and full of challenges, as they adjusted to many jobs and to many moves. Like Father like son. Gradually he worked up to his position in the Aerospace Program as a NASA engineer beginning with the Moon Project. for many years there were demanding and exciting projects.

Retirement left space for him to fill with his new interest in genealogy. He made a lot of new friends like Jack Mabie on a trip to the Northeast and De Brenner was down here in Florida.

Since Ted's departure, I've thought a lot about what a special person he was. I usually thought about specific things that he had done to show his loving concern for family and friends. It could be that these attributes stemmed from our genes. Maybe it was because he was a Mabie. ... I began to wonder in this attribute and many others could be part of our inheritance in the Mabie blood line. I thought of specific qualities my brothers and I might have in common with other Mabies. Perhaps there are many common denominators among us like being highly motivated problem solvers and do it yourselfers creative or inventive. Do you initiate activities? Are you determined and persistent? or Patriotic? We may also have a few faults in common. In our family, Ted was outstanding because of his warmth, humor and patience. I am glad there was time before he died when we could all tell him how much he meant to us. We love him and continue to feel his influence. I'm sure he is with us in spirit today."

Jack adds:

"Ted was a family researcher, a historian and an author-to-be. He has done a number of biographical sketches on members of his branch of the family.... Ted has collected much data on his branch of the family and he has worked to contact other branches of his family in Wisconsin, the mid-west and in Texas. In addition to his general interest in the family, Ted is one of the few who has actually started writing the family history of his line ... we will miss his work as well as his friendship."

### GUY R MABIE



Creta Ensley writes, "We have some sad news in our family. My brother, Guy Mabie, died on March 9, 1995, of cancer. He was greatly loved by all, as he was kindly, unselfish and an intelligent - a pleasure to know and be with. The phrase used most often by friends and family to describe him

was, "He was a true gentleman." Most of his career, as an engineer, was spent with General Dynamics in San Diego, California. He is survived by his wife Jean and two children: Mrs. Richard Hill of Santee, California, and Mark Mabie of San Diego. He is interred at Ft. Rosecrans, San Diego."

On a personal note, my husband Bob and I looked forward to our business trips to San Diego and visits with Guy, Jean and Mark and Guy's brother Richard with his wife, Ruth and their son, Ward. One evening, while visiting, Guy ushered me into his beautiful garden (a common interest) and also took me into his computer room and showed me how he backed up disks to safeguard information. I still use that method today. I am still a novice with computers and he was always willing to give me advice from his experience. Guy prepared the file of the descendants of Alphonso Hale Mabie and he and his wife Jean prepared an oral history of Harold Earl Mabie, the father of Guy, Richard and Creta which is a standard for others and adds great life to the data we have in our files.

### GIFFORD & MARJORIE (BEST) MABIE

GIFFORD MONTAGUE MABIE, #46, passed away on January 26, 1992. His wife, Marjorie "Marnie" (Best) Mabie followed him on December 4, 1994. Many words have been used to describe them such as cultured, educated, fun. They have 10 children, all college graduates.

### TRAVIS ROBERT MAYBEE



Travis Robert Maybee was born Sep. 21, 1993 and died November 2, 1994. He is the son of Robert Leon and Carolyn (Callister) Maybee. His grandparents are our members, William L. and Zina (Limb) Maybee, #28 of Bountiful, Utah and Jay and Marjean Callister from Blackfoot, Idaho. Travis was here for a very short time before returning to his Heavenly Father, but he was the recipient of great love. At the funeral the statement was made, "Heavenly Father trusted Robert and enough to let them have Travis - even for this short time. I know that if He had told them that they could have Travis, but it could only be for a short time, that they both would have gladly done it."

### LUCILE MABIE ARMSTRONG



Creta Ensley also advised us of the death of Lucile Helen Mabie Armstrong. Lucile Mabie born December 6, 1897, a daughter of Alphonso Hale and Emma (Parsons) Mabie, married Clifford Burton Armstrong in 1919. He preceded her in death, January 1, 1969. Lucile was a sister to our member, Harold Earl Mabie, #92, now deceased and uncle to Richard O. Mabie, # 12, Creta Mabie Ensley, #38 and Guy Mabie, #36, now deceased.

## **RICHARD H. MABEE**

Eleanor Schneck, #129 wrote to advise us of the death of her brother, Richard #73. She will send us more information concerning his death.

In a recent letter he wrote, "We have just returned from Florida, from a two week vacation. It has been seven years since we, the wife (Linda Bonter Mabee) and three children (Kevin Richard Mabee, Bryan David Mabee, Joanne Ruth Mabee), have all been together on vacation. It was real special because I have just come through a serious bout with cancer. I thank the Lord for his mercy."

## **ALAN LEITZ**

"Armed robbers get a dollar, take a life" reads the headline of *The Herald-Palladium* sent to us by Cindy Bryant, #49. "A long time truck driver for Michigan Standard Alloys in Benton Harbor was fatally shot during an apparent robbery Monday night at the company's Milton Street plant. Alan Leitz, of Coloma, was pronounced dead at Mercy Memorial Medical Center in St. Joseph, police said. He reportedly was shot four times in the chest, stomach and leg after refusing to hand over his wallet to four armed robbers" .. Alan was the husband of Tom and Cindy's cousin Elaine Violet Bryant, a descendant of Jeremiah Mabie and Lois Evans.

## **HUBERT W. MAYBEE**

"Hubert W. Maybee, 80, of Longwood, formerly of Largo, died Wednesday, August 3, 1994, at his home. He was born in Walworth, N. Y. and came here from Webster, N. Y. He moved to Longwood earlier this year. He was a milkman for 30 years for Hudson Dairy-Sealtest, Rochester, N. Y. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a Protestant. He was a former President of the Milk Drivers and Truck Drivers, Teamsters Union, Rochester. Survivors include his wife, Elsie, a son Robert, West Henrietta, N. Y. a daughter, Nancy Gill, Longwood; a brother Fred, Rochester, five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. National Creation Society, Largo, Winter Park." George Franchere sent this information from *The St. Petersburg Times* of St. Petersburg, Florida.

## **JOHN H. "JACK" MABIE**

"VIRGINIA BEACH - John H. 'Jack' Mabie, 86 of the 800 block of First Colonial Road, a retired horticulturist, died Aug. 18, 1994, in Virginia Beach. Mr. Mabie was born in Maywood, N. J., and was a member of the Kempsville Ruritan Club. Survivors include his wife, Mabel A. Mabie; a son, Harold C. Mabie; and two grandchildren, William Mabie and Sarah Mabie, all of Virginia Beach. Memorial services are private. Holomon-Brown Funeral Home, Great Neck Chapel is handling the arrangements."

Patricia M. Magette, #91, shared this information from the *Norfolk Virginian Pilot*, Aug. 23, 1994.

## **OTHER DEATHS**

Others in the family have suffered losses at this time. Marion Smith Tait, #114 was saddened by the death of her grand-nephew on Christmas day. He was a Peace-keeper in the Canadian Army stationed in Rwanda.

Patricia Maybee Magette, #91 experienced the death of a dear friend in October.

To each of you that have suffered losses, we, of your family, would like to express our love and support.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

KENNETH E. MABEY #158  
BOX 180 B CUNNINGHAM ROAD  
WINDHAM, NEW YORK 12496

Kenneth is an active researcher and has done well documented research on his family lines. He is from the Pieter Casparszen family through Abraham Mabey and Sarah Gates. Kenneth shared with us the name of his brother, Wayne who has also joined.

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As we reported last issue, Mary Lynn Spijkerman Parker of the Dutch Family Heritage Society is a very good source for those of us descending from early Dutch Settlers. We were delighted to learn that she will be doing a report this summer on some of the early families in America, including the Mabilles. Their organization has become an associate member and we will excitedly be able to learn from them as well as share with them anything that we have that will be of help.

LUELLA MABIE BRODIE #159  
HCR 75, BOX 30  
WESTFORD, NEW YORK 13488

We are pleased to be joined by Mrs. Elliot Brodie. Many Mabies are familiar with Luella Brodie and her daughter, Donna Hatch. They are both very active genealogists. She is a member of the South Valley Branch of the family. Luella is also interested in her Shillito family and would be delighted if anyone could tell her more about Mary W. Shillito, b. July, 30, 1890, in Meade, Spokane, Washington, daughter of John Shillito and Luella Leonard.

FRANCES I. HINDMARSH #160  
47 MURRAY AVE.  
AYLMER, ONTARIO CANADA N5H 2A4

Frances is a descendant of Catherine Mabie who married Nicholas Van Patten. She may be able to solve some of the questions we have about the Van Patten/Patter family. She has undertaken the very ambitious project of doing a Van Patten book. She advises us that Nicholas and Catherine have 1731 descendants and spouses.

DORIS M. KAUTZMAN #161  
1526 HAVERFORD LANE  
SEBASTIAN, FLORIDA 32698-6571 Phone: 407-388-9666  
Doris is another Floridian and she, with her husband Phillip, and her sister, Gertrude "Trudy" Hertling were able to attend the recent reunion there. Doris, Trudy and Donald are children of Harry and Sara (Horan) Mabee.

SHIRLEY GARDINER WIRTH #162  
10653 MAIN ST. P.O. BOX 36  
ALEXANDER, NY 14005  
Shirley is a cousin to our President, John Albert "Jack" Mabee. She also attended the recent reunion in Florida.

WAYNE B. MABEY #163  
11 GREEN T REE DRIVE  
SOUTH HYDE PARK, NY 12538  
Wayne and his wife Yvonne are both descended from Mabeys. Wayne is the brother of Kenneth Mabeys, #158 and comes through the Abraham Mabeys and Sarah Gates line. Yvonne is a great granddaughter of Mary Mabeys of Westerlo, New York.

CECIL MAYBEE #164  
3410 E. STATE ST. #101  
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS 61108-1869  
Cecil is a great grandson of the elusive Hiram Maybee who moved from Madison Co. New York, to Crawford Co. Wisconsin. He joins several other descendants of Hiram, born June 5, 1817, and Nancy (Lenox) Maybee.

MARIANNE M. MABIE #165  
600 BAY CLIFFS ROAD  
GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA 32561  
Phone: 923-3870  
Marianne is researching the line of her husband, Lefferts L. Mabee, Jr. He descends from William, born April 8, 1839 and Jane Ann (Denike) Mabee.

G. MICHAEL ANTHONY #166  
2104 WEMBLEY PARK RD.  
LAKE OSWEGO, OREGON 97034  
Phone: 503-636-3878

Mike contacted us because he was interested in learning more about his Giles and Lucy (Case) Mabee line. Several people from the Maybee Society contacted him and he decided to join because "You seem like an active and engaging society." Mike is a management consultant and although delighted to receive all that you have shared with him about Giles and Lucy, he would like to become better acquainted with Giles Tallman's line and Rachel Booth and her line. He is also having problems with his Perry line. He had a great great grandmother named Roxie Perry. She was married to James Albee. They had a son (Mike's great grandfather) Wilber Howard Albee on Nov. 17, 1853, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin or in Pennsylvania.

ARDENE V. GALUTIA #167  
1607 N.E. 78TH TERRACE  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64118  
Phone: 436-7654  
When Marie Jarboe, #71 joined, she wrote that she had learned about us from her first cousin, Ardene Galutia. Marie's Mother and Ardene's Father were brother and sister. We were pleased to have Ardene join us as a member of the Maybee Society. Both Marie and Ardene were able to attend the reunion in Florida in March.

ROBERT G. COONEY, JR. #168  
P.O. BOX 50835  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37205  
Phone: 615-292-7226  
Bob is a descendent of Aeghje (Eva) Mabee and Cornelis Slingerland but learned about us from a recent issue of the Bradt News. Other familiar names on his family tree are Bradt, Fonda, Frank, and Swart

FRANCINE HAEFNER #169  
15715 BELLFLOWER ST NW.  
BOKEELIA, FLORIDA 33922  
Francine Carolyn Mabee Haefner is the sister of our member, Edward "Ted" Mabee, now deceased, and is a descendant of William & Sophia (Scripture) Mabee. She has attended the past two reunions in Florida and has decided to join with us in furthering the work of uniting the family.

CAROLYN EYE #170  
11206 WHITTINGHAM LANE  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77099  
Carolyn Ann Mabee Eye is not new to us. She sent us the article about the Mabee Foundation and The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor found in our Communicator, V20:7. Carolyn is the daughter of Margaret B. Mabee, #87.

ELIZABETH J. MABIE #171  
2131 WENTWORTH AVE. #2  
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS 61108  
Although Elizabeth lives in Illinois, she was visiting her sister-in law, Margaret B. Mabee, #87 when she joined the Maybee Society. Elizabeth's husband, Harland Dean Mabee, is a descendant of William and Sophia (Scripture) Mabee.

### **WELCOME TO THE FAMILY, TAMMY**

We welcome Tammy Moorhead into the family. She married Brian Brown, #143. They will move from Dallas, Texas to Belmont, California to attend The San Francisco Conservatory of Music. They both play the French horn.

### **DATA ENTRY AND DISKS**

If you are keeping your genealogy records on a computer that is GEDCOM compatible, please send your updated family information to Jack on high density, 3 1/2 inch disks.

## ADDRESS CHANGES

We have had several address changes in the last few months, which are on the updated list of members that you received in March. They are: Cora Van Cruyningen, #21; Creta and Grover Ensley, #38; Cheryl Park, #112; John and Valerie Mabie, #81; Jon Nicholas MayBee, #99; Marian G. McDonald, #13 and Kym and Walter Lewis, #62.

### Also, you may want to add to your records:

MARIE JARBOE  
Winter address:  
1360 ROLLINGWOOD CT.  
TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34689  
Phone: 813-942-1130

Marie Jarboe, #71. has been vtry busy of late. She and her Cousin Ardene were among those who attended the Reunion in Florida. Since that time she has had cataract surgery on one eye and shortly will have surgery on the second eye. She and her husband bought a home in Tarpon Springs, Florida, last spring and will winter there but go back to the mountains for the summer "as long as God permits".

WILLIAM CROFF  
3011 SE 33RD DR  
OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34974-6956

Will writes, "Please note that my address is now in Florida, but it is permanent. The Pompano Beach house was sold. The Tenafly, New Jersey box is always kept so that people from other countries will be able to contact me through that address, plus I own a house near there. My sister lives at this address and will get mail to me when I am elsewhere."

CLAYTON CHEE  
41-280 HULI ST.  
WAIMANALO, HAWAII 96795

Clayton Chee, #22 sent us an update on his family as well as this new address.

## FUTURE REUNIONS ARE PLANNED

This coming year there will again be many opportunities to attend a reunion, meet family, talk about considerations for a book. Why not try to attend one?

*Jack*

### FORT ROBINSON, NEBRASKA

A reunion of the descendants of Charles Ivan and Pansy Elizabeth (Bates) Maybee will be held mid-June, 1995, at Fort Robinson, Nebraska. It will be hosted by Margie Neeman. For more information contact Margie or Mel Maybee, #50:

MARGIE NEEMAN  
630 NO. COTNER BLVD. SUITE 100  
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68505  
Phone: 402-466--4994 Fax 402-466-6397

MELVIN R & GARLAND MAYBEE  
P.O. BOX 2333  
WEAVERVILLE, CALIFORNIA 96093  
Phone: 916-623-2389

### SOUTH VALLEY, NEW YORK

Descendants of William Mabie and Sophia Scripture will meet August 13, 1995, at the Women's Club in South Valley, New York. For more information contact Wayne Mabie, #134 or Luella Brodie, #159

DAVID WAYNE MABIE  
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BALLSTON LAKE, NY 12019  
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MRS. ELLIOT BRODIE  
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WESTFORD, NY 13488-9702  
Phone: 607-264-3225

### SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Another reunion is being planned for Florida for all family members that are able to attend. We know it will be as exciting as the last two and a great opportunity to visit with members from all branches of the family. It will be held, March 4th or 11th 1996. Again it will be hosted by De Brenner, #101 and Jack and Mary Ellen Maybee.

DELORES BRENNER  
96 HIBISCUS DRIVE  
PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA 33950  
Phone: 813-639-5996

JOHN A. & MARY ELLEN MAYBEE  
607 VIA PONDEROSA  
SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK 12303  
Phone: 518-355-6655

### SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

In July 1996 William L. & Zina Maybee, #28, will host a reunion in Salt Lake City, Utah, for all of the family. They are arranging many activites including a visit (with guides) to the large Family History Library there. For more information contact them:

Bill and Zina Maybee  
3051 ORCHARD DR #3  
BOUNTIFUL, UTAH 84010  
Phone: 801-298-5924

## LIFE IS LIVING AND LOVING

Garland (Lil' g. Eagle) Mabie, shared the following quote from "We Are The Sun" with us. "There is a mantrum in the Sanskrit Language and it reads like this, 'All evil vanishes from him or her who lets Sunshine in his or her heart.' Let us just consider for an instant that we have the Sun's capacity to shine on everyone. And, let us also consider that the only "evil" in this world is not allowing ourselves to live. It is my incessant belief that we live to shine with, on and for another. As you know the Sun not only brings us warmth but light and radiance. When we are experiencing our own radiance we are truly harmonious with one another. We as individuals and collectively have everything to offer humanity. And the key to the door of ignorance is our willingness to live the challenges which we have chosen for this incarnation."

## WILMOT (WILLEMPJE) VAN PATTEN



Frances Hindmarsh shared a little information with us about Wilmot (Willempe) Van Patten, daughter of Nicholas J. Van Patten/Patten and Catherina Mabie. Wilmot, born in 1801, at Rotterdam Schenectady, New York was the first teacher at Centerville (Luton) School. It is said that she "could read and write a little." She married Gilbert Miller

and settled on the north half of Lot 16, con 6, south of Talbot. ... In 1834 Gilbert took a load of shingles by boat to Malden, Essex Co. to trade for some horses. He was warned against landing because of an epidemic of cholera, but did so, contracting the sickness and dying there. Wilmot against the advice of her brothers, John and Simon, went for the horses and brought them back to Aylmer."

Wilmot remarried about a year later to a Joseph Harmon and had three children by him. Apparently their relationship was not smooth, as he is reported "to have left the area with a wagon load of his belongings."

In the 1842 census she is shown as "head of household" with six children. Wilmot's sons John Harmon, born 1838 and Justus "Jud" Harmon, b. 1840, moved to Michigan, and Frances is still trying to locate them. If you know anything about these two individuals, please contact Frances:

FRANCES I. HINDMARSH

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## SEARCHING FOR HER ANCESTORS

Joyce W. Hutchinson is interested in learning more about her Mabie ancestors. She is a descendant of Phoebe Mabie, b. 1757 and Thomas Huestis. She also would appreciate learning more about related lines including Brouwer, Schuermans, Van Westerhaut, Jans and Van Amburgh. If you can help, contact her:

Joyce W. Hutchinson

5457 Mountain Dr.

Coopersburg, Pennsylvania 18036

## JUDITH INQUIRES

Judith Maby #15, writes, "Of particular interest to me is William Helimus Maby, stone mason, (cousin of Jacob of 1796) who left a widow, Maria A. Maby which fact may have some relevance to the reason for Jacob's removal from New York City to Bridgeport, Connecticut ca 1843. Coincidentally there was another Maria Maby who married a stone mason, William A. Jones of Connecticut."

JUDITH AND ERNEST MABY

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KITTERY, MAINE 03904-1512

## SIMON MABEE AND MARY KATHERINE GRANT

"I am still a little confused on the Simon Mabee and Mary Katherine Grant connection, as a lot of the information I have received on them does not "jibe" with my family history" If you have information that may be of help to Anita, please contact her:

ANITA JOHNSON

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## NEW BOOK NEWS

We recently had the privilege of reviewing two books for Heritage Books, Inc. The first, *Early New Englanders and Kin: A Genealogical Tree of More than 12,000 Interrelated Individuals with Roots in Early New England*, by Roy Burgess certainly fits into the style of the 1990's. It's pages are direct and to the point. It is similar to an earlier book that he wrote on related individuals of Missouri and the families in this book tie into those families. It consists of two main parts: (1) an alphabetical listing of people, with brief genealogical data on each, and (2) a series of family group charts which show how they are all inter-related by blood and marriage. If I could have found any Maybees (any spelling) Blauvelts, Slingerlands, Klocks, Vroomans, Secords, Van Pattens, Borsbooms or other related names I would have struggled more to learn the system of interrelations. It did include Perrys and Brodies. My husband did not have any trouble following the system. One of the more interesting parts of the book was the family group sheets for well known people such as Presidents: George Washington, Adams, Taft, Nixon, Ford, Grant, Garfield, the Roosevelts, Reagan, and Bush

1992, 503 pp., paper, \$35.00 #B864

*Border Warfare of New York During the Revolution: or, Annals of Tryon Co.* by William W. Campbell, may not have contained any Maybees by name, but as I read it I felt that I was walking where Maybees walked, listening to the same speeches they listened to and felt the agony of the decisions that they had to make. The book was founded on original documents of the time including correspondence, speeches, and other reports. It even contained advertisements that threw light on the history of that time and place. It is well tied together by a historian who knew the time period well and included background information for those of us that are not as familiar with the area. The appendixes, (15 in all) also were of interest. They contain speeches, biographies, poetic descriptions, and even an invoice of the scalps taken by the Senecas.

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### DUTCH SYSTEMS IN FAMILY NAMING

Our President John A. "Jack" Maybee recently reviewed the book: *Dutch Systems in Family Naming: New York and New Jersey*, by Rosalie Fellows Bailey, Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists.

The first part of the review can be found in *The Communicator*, #24.

He continues: The Dutch place origin surname can be recognized by the prefix, van, meaning from. The 'v' was not capitalized by the Dutch; however, American editors usually confused the issue by printing the 'v' as a capital.

Place origin names might refer to:

1. A nationality such as de Noorman (the Norseman) or Switzer (a Swiss);
2. A town or village such as van Naarden or Osterhout;
3. A small local district such as van Cortlandt or van Slichtenhorst;
4. A named farm estate, which may be used by the owner, a leaseholder, a tenant or even a hired farmhand or servant who was unrelated to the main family;
5. A named field such as Roosevelt or Westervelt, a small farm or even a house;
6. A local habitat such as Opdyck (on the dike), van Hoek (from the corner), Hoogland (highland) and Beekman (man from the brook). Other place names are: van Woert (from the village of Schoonrewoerd); Van den Bergh from a farm called the high hill (Hoogeberch); and Vanderveer (van der Veer) from the ferry.

Occupational identification forms a large group of surnames in all nations. Among the Dutch surnames we have: Blauvelt (blue field) for flax farmer, Bleecker for bleacher of cloth; de Clark for clerk; de Drayer for wood turner, Koylert or Cuyler for archer or crossbowman; de Metselaer for mason; de Pottebacker for potter, Schenck for filler or butler

or cupbearer, Smit or Smid for smith or forger; and Wantenaer for glovemaker.

The personal characteristic seems to form the smallest group of Dutch American surnames. Among the English are Long, Handy, Hardee, Strong, Gay, Wise and White. Among the Dutch are: Vroom and Vrooman meaning pious or wise man; Stille or silent; Krom, meaning bent in the sense of cripple; Krankheit or Cronkhite, meaning sickness in the sense of invalid; de Groot or big; de Lange or tall; de Witt meaning white in the sense of light hair or light complexion; de Wint meaning wind, fuss or braggart; Swart meaning black or swarthy; Vos or Vosch meaning foxy or cunning.

The diminutive represents another variable in understanding Dutch names. There are three kinds; the shortened name, the variant for small size and the endearing term. The shortened name was used for both sexes. For males: Thys for Matthys, Claes for Nicolaes, Nys for Denys, Cobus for Jacobus, Jaap for Jacob, and Bartel, Mees or Meus for Bartelmeus. Patronymics were often made from the short, as well as the full, form of the name. A few female diminutives are: Femmetje for Phoebe, Giertje for Geertruy, Geetje for Margriet, Hendrickje for Henrietta or Harriet, Lena for Magdalena and Helena, Maritje for Maria and sometimes Martha, Styntje for Christina and Tryntje for Catrina. Sometimes the only feminine version of a name was comprised by adding 'je' to the male name, e.g. Dirckje for Dirck or Derrick usually becomes Dorothy."

(To be continued in future newsletter)

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