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WE WILL MISS HIM

There are many members of the family who quietly work for all. Melvin Van Orden was one of those people. His name may not have appeared often on our pages, but he regularly sent us names of people who were interested in the family. He carefully answered all of the questions directed to him, he spent hours organizing the material for the Van Orden Branch of the family. His wife Charmaine writes, "Genealogy was Mel's first love, as you know. Although I supported him, he assembled all the information that he so willingly shared with total strangers from the West Coast and the East Coast and all points in between. I never learned anything about it. I know nothing about his computer, only that he over 11,000 names in it." He had several heart attacks and was in constant pain. At one time the Dr. had even pronounced him as dead, but he did not quit until he had completed his work here. The Dr. allowed him out of bed for an hour a day at one time, and he would walk downstairs and spend an hour at the computer, entering family material. He was stronger for a short time during these past years and was able to make a trip to New York to gather information on the family there. Also traveling with him was his beloved Charmaine, his brother Maurice, and his wife, Carol. Another trip that he was permitted to take was to Israel. Those who knew of his great love for Jesus Christ would know how much that trip meant to him. Those who visited Mel and Charmaine in Idaho knew that Mel not only cared deeply about his religion, but also lived it. He would take the visitors to church and to meet the family there. With his great generosity and hospitality, I am sure that he will be waiting on the other side of the veil to greet us all warmly. Melvin died March 30, 1996.

REUNION IN SALT LAKE CITY

A reunion for all branches of the family will be held Thursday, July 18, in Salt Lake City. Hosts will be William and Zina Mabee, #28, and their branch of the family.

Several activities are to be held. We will start at 8 a.m. on Thursday, July 18, in the Family History Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, (The Mormon Genealogical Library) rooms 134-136. We will have speakers about the Huguenots and Research in New York State and then proceed to the library where we will be assisted with research in the areas that most interest us. Bill and Zina have planned several low budget activities, including breakfast in the park. To learn more about the itinerary or housing, or just sight seeing in beautiful Salt Lake City, call Bill and Zina at 801-451-7013 or write:

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THE MABEE HOUSE



It's Spring and time to plant at the Mabee House. A group of Master Gardeners from Cornell Cooperative Extension has agreed to develop plans for gardens and landscaping at the Mabee Farm. In addition, based on the success of last year's broom corn experiment, they will plant another crop of broom corn this year. Simon and Jacob Mabee grew broom corn at the farm beginning in 1835 and possibly continuing into the 1880's. There have been several updates at the House. Kim and Gary are "planting a flag pole"; the fence is being fixed; a clean-up day is being held.

VITTORIA BICENTENNIAL

From R. Robert Mutrie we learn. "... Plans are afoot for bicentennial celebrations at the village of Vittoria, Charlotteville Township, south of Simcoe. From 1815 to 1825, Vittoria was the capitol of the London District of Upper Canada. In 1996, this historic old village will be marking its 200th birthday with events throughout the year, high lighted by a homecoming weekend scheduled for July 12, 13, and 14, 1996."

ARE YOU MAKING PROGRESS?

Our President (John A. Maybee) would like to know, how everyone is doing in their search for family history. Are you making any connections or proving any lines, if so, we would like to hear from you.

Jack also sent us an update on his Minard Maybee line. "As an introduction to the Barnard Mabee branch of the family, it is now known that Minard's parents, Barnard Mabee and Nancy Klock, were married Dec. 14, 1828, by Reverend Isaac S. Ketcham, pastor of St. Paul's Dutch Reformed Church, Snell's Bush, town of Manheim, Herkimer Co., New York State. *People's Friend*, an early Little Falls newspaper, stated that Barnard Mabee of Oppenheim married Ms Nancy Klock of Manheim. According to the 1855 census of Orleans, Jefferson Co. Barnard Mabee, age 49; born Montgomery Co., a farmer; 19 years in county. Wife, Nancy 49; born in Herkimer County; 19 years in County.

Children: John H 25 b. Herkimer Co. (19 years in Co.)
Nelson 19 b. Herkimer Co.
Mary Ann 21 b. Herkimer Co.
Minard 16 b. Jefferson Co. (16 years in Co.)

It is believed that Barnard's parents, John and Nancy (Manck) Mabee were living in the town of Russell with their son, Abraham, in 1855. John and Nancy died in 1857 and are buried in the old cemetery, Hermon, NY. Barnard's wife and daughter are buried in the old part of the cemetery, Evans Mills, NY.

John and Nancy's other children were Maria, b. 1811; Elizabeth b. 1813; Margaret b. 1815 (died young). Nancy b. 1820; Pamela b. ca. 1827; and Margaret b. 1832.

According to early church records, Barnard was baptized in 1806 and Abraham in 1817. Pamela was not married and is probably buried in the family plot in Hermon, NY. Abraham is buried there with his first wife, Jane Zeller. There is a broken stone which probably marks Pamela's grave.

John and Nancy's daughter, Margaret, married Daniel Zeller, who is listed as a child in the 1850 census, Theresa, N.Y.

John Mabee (Maybee) is listed with his family in the 1850 census for Theresa. Margaret and Daniel had a farm in the town of Russell and were the progenitors of the large Zeller family of that area.

As an added note to family history, it is believed that this John Mabee was bp. 4 Feb. 1776, the son of Albert Mabee and Maria Hogan. Albert was bp. 14 May 1738, the son of Abraham Mabee and Annatje Vedder. Abraham was bp. 26 Jun. 1695, the son of Jan Mabee (of Rotterdam Jct.) and Annatje Borsboom.

Jan Mabee is listed in Pearson as Jan Pieterese Mabee. There is some contention about his parentage, but his middle name implies that he is the son of Peter, and that seems to be accepted by everyone. Now, preference is given to the following sequence of ancestors: Pieter Casparszen (AKA Pierre Gaspard Mabile) Van Naarden

and Aechtje Jans. Pieter's father, Gaspard, was known as Sargeant Gaspard and is thought to be the son of Seigneur Pierre Mabile, who left France circa 1572, a French Huguenot.

MAYBEE LANE

Doug Mabee, #177, of Toronto, Canada, tells us there is a Maybee Lane in the Ontario town of Colborne. Allen Taylor Maybee, son of John Way Maybee and grandson of Tobias Maybee, was the owner of the Colborne Harbour Plaster Mills at the location of the lane named in his honor. Later in his life (approximately age of 60) he was the captain of the "144 Tonne Schooner named Sumina." The father, John Way Maybee, was a mason and plasterer who, in 1819, was contracted, under the penalty of one thousand pounds, to complete all of the mason and plastering work on the Episcopal English Church of Belleville, Ontario. This whole family contributed greatly to the pioneer life of Upper Canada. We so much appreciate Doug sharing this information that makes Tobias and his family come alive to us. *Doug sends his regards to all of the family members who are interested in the past, living the present to the fullest and looking forward to a healthy future.*

RE- TOBIAS MAYBEE AS A LOYALIST

R. R. Mutrie tells us that, "Had Tobias been a United Empire Loyalist, all of his children would have been entitled to apply for government grants of 200 acres as the children of a United Empire Loyalist. Everyone who was entitled naturally did so, but none of Tobias' children did. There were three requirements established by the province's first Lieutenant Governor, John Graves Simcoe and his executive council. First, the father had to be a resident in the American Colonies by 1776. Second, he must have served or visibly supported the Loyalist forces during the American Revolution. Third, he must have been resident in Ontario by 1796. The local magistrate compiled lists of 'UE' residents for the government, compiled into what is known as 'The Executive List' in order to identify the connection of the children when they applied. Although Tobias Maybee apparently didn't meet all of the UE requirements, he left an indelible mark on this province through his many children that settled and put down roots here."

IT WAS JUST LIKE CHRISTMAS

I cannot tell you the excitement that I felt when I received a disk containing names of descendants of Captain Abraham Maybee from Doug Cameron Mabee, #177. Peter and Angela Maybee #11 had sent us the information in a beautifully illustrated book. Now Doug with his recently purchased "The Family Tree Maker" for Windows and with the aid of the GEDCOM format, was able to send us information from this book. He also included information that others had supplied to make this disk possible. Thanks to you all.

THE PALATINES

Deeply intertwined with the lives of the Maybee Family were settlers from the Palatine in Germany. Several books and articles have been written about them and I will try to summarize a few of the facts that we know. The books this information is gleaned from are *The Story of the Palatines, An Episode in Colonial History* by Sanford H. Cobb, published in 1897 and reprinted by Heritage Books, Inc.; an article by Archibald Bennett, *Sharing Family Facts; Palatine Families of New York, 1710* by Henry Z. "Hank" Jones; and *The Tarmakers*, a chapter in *The Hudson* by Carl Carmer. The book has been reprinted twice and at present is available through the Purple Mountain Press; also from various histories and encyclopedias, but the mistakes I claim for myself.

Many of the settlers in the Palatine, (Paltz), Germany were Huguenots driven from France at the time of the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre. Unfortunately these settlers did not fare as well as those who made it as far as Belgium or the Netherlands (one country at that time).

In *The Tarmakers* we read, "While settlers along the Hudson were prospering, farmers in the Old World were having a difficult time. In 1707, a French army marched into the Rhine Valley in Germany, It tramped down all the growing crops. The district, called the Palatinate, planted new crops in the summer. But in October a North wind blew. The valley became so cold that its precious wines froze to solid blocks of ice in their casks, and were ruined. Birds froze in flight, and fell stiff dead to the earth. A man could not spit without the water of his mouth becoming a pebble of ice before it hit the ground. The people were starving. Many ministers in their Parish records also report those terrible weather conditions.

In the spring a book came into the valley. The front pages were bright with gold letters. The book told the people in their own German language of a faraway river valley that was warm and peaceful. Food was to be had for the taking. The people of the Rhine called this volume the *Golden Book* and read it night after night."

The glowing promises in the *Golden Book* were particularly appealing to those who were suffering with the terrible conditions of war, weather and oppressive taxes. Hank Jones tells us that this book was part of a public relations campaign by the British to encourage the people to emigrate to America and promised the people Queen Anne "will give bread to the people until they can produce their own."

And from *The Palatines* by Sanford Cobb we learn of the hostility the French had for the Huguenots who had fled from their country to safety. That the wrath of Louis "smoked like a furnace." Although Holland and England had also opened their doors to some of the fugitives, those in the Palatinate were more accessible and became the victims of his anger. "The French commander announced to nearly one half-million of human beings that he granted

them three days of grace, and that within that time they must shift for themselves.



Soon roads and fields which then lay deep in snow were blackened by innumerable men, women and children flying from their homes. Many died of cold and hunger." Sanford Cobb further tells us that, "In the midst of destruction of the towns and villages, such of the poor villagers as endeavored to rescue their goods were slain. Everywhere in the fields were found corpses of wretched people frozen to death. The citizens of Mannheim were compelled to assist in destroying their fortifications, and then driven out hungry and naked, into the winter cold, while their city was burned. In the neighborhood of Treves, Cologne and Julich the peasants were forced in the following summer to plow down their own standing crops." Moreover, England and Holland joined the League against France and so when not being persecuted directly by France the people in the Palatinate were being overrun as the wars waxed hot between France and the "Grand Alliance."

From the same parish registers that Hank was searching for valuable genealogical data, we also learn about much of the land being crisscrossed by invading armies. He mentions the Swedish armies, the Mainz-Lothringian invasion, a large French force that plundered everything, the Saxon and Bavarian armies, and the Hessians.

Perhaps most distressing of all the was that the Princes of the Palatine themselves would persecute the people according to their own religious beliefs.

The emigrations seemed to fall into several different migrations; best known to those of us who have ancestors in New York were those who came in 1710. Hank Jones' first two volume work tells us about them and gives names and relationships.

Those first to leave, left with great secrecy as The Elector Palatine had decreed death to all of those who would attempt to emigrate from his dominions. Mr. Cobb tells us that according to local tradition, the first to come to America was a small group who settled in New Jersey.

Their initial destination was New York but storms and other delays brought them to Philadelphia. The little company set their faces northward and had nearly accomplished their goal, but were charmed by the beauty and fertility of the region and decided to make their homes there. Another emigration began in 1708 when a group went to London and applied to the board of trade to be sent to America. Approval was given and the Palatines were accepted as citizens of the kingdom. They were given supplies and sailed with Lord Lovelace, who had recently been appointed the Governor of New York. They were settled in an area of present day Newburg on the west side of the Hudson. Perhaps the generosity of the English coupled with the severities of the winter of 1708-1709 brought thousands into England, throwing themselves on the generosity of the English Government and people. Queen Anne was very tender hearted and made great efforts to provide for these people, who had arrived without proper food, clothing or other means with sustenance. Although some were able to find work and fit themselves into the economy, the great dream of the majority was to be sent to the promised land of America. From this group there were three shipments of people. The first of which was sent to Ireland to be accommodated there. The second was sent to the Carolinas under the leadership of two Swiss partners. Great promises were made to them but apparently one of the leaders had no intention of fulfilling the promises he made. In some way he squeezed out his partner and set about to create a Barony. At one point he even referred to himself as the "King of the Palatines". Another more fortunate group seems to have been brought to Virginia by Governor Sportswood. A little town was founded on a horse-shoe shaped peninsula of 400 acres in the Rapidan. The little town was called Germanna. Sportswood took a constant interest in the people, opened iron mines in the vicinity and at the end of his term, rather than returning to England, built a home among the people he had learned to love. This group was later joined by Germans from Pennsylvania.

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THE STORY OF THE PALATINES

The Story of the Palatines by Sanford H. Cobb, written in 1897 and now in reprint by Heritage Books, Inc., is an exciting study of the trials and travels of the Palatines from their communities along the Rhine River in Germany to freedom in America. It is of particular interest to our family as many of them intermarried with the Palatines. The book does not mention many by name, but rather gives you a history of important events in their lives. The book is paperback, 336 pages, with index and can be purchased for \$23 plus \$3 shipping from:

HERITAGE BOOKS, INC.

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SCHENECTADY COUNTY HERITAGE BLANKETS AND AFGHANS

Kim Mabee sent us brochures, one advertising a blanket and the other offering an afghan. Both depict scenes of important historical events, and, although they vary in some of their choices of the most important scenes to represent Schenectady County's history, they both show the Jan Pieterse Mebie Farm House. It is of interest, however, that one calls it the Mabee house and the other the Mabee house (now that should please all). Both are of woven cotton and available in a variety of colors. Rather than try to tell you more here, if you are interested, I just invite you to drop me a note and I will send you a copy of the brochures. (Belva)

MICROFILMING COMPLETED

After four months of hard work, Kim Mabee, # 78 and Barbara L. Wylie have completed microfilming all of the documents from the Mabee House. What a great service to the family!

LOUISE E. MABIE 100 YEARS OF LIVING

From her obituary we read, "Louise E. Mabee, 100 of South Valley (New York) died Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Meadows in Middlefield. Miss Mabee was born Oct. 13, 1895 in Butlers Corners, the daughter of Elmer and Millie Lovejoy Mabee. She attended Butlers Corners District 1 school. For many years she worked at the South Valley Glove Shop and worked at the Marwell Chinchilla Farm.

She was the oldest member of the First Christian Church at South Valley where she taught Sunday School and was church organist and pianist for many years. Louise was a member of the Ladies Aid, Roseboom Grange, South Valley Women's Club and made lap robes and pillows for the Meadows.

Survivors include three nephews, Herbert Mabee and Frank Mabee of South Valley and Frederick Mabee of Fonda; two nieces, Luella Brodie of South Valley and Myra Webster of Cherry Valley; many great-nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two brothers, E. Herbert Mabee and Lee Mabee..."

A NEW BABY GIRL

Mary Lou Bach, # 179, shared the news that her sister, Donna Lou Hatch and husband Stephen, # 180, are parents of a baby girl on March 28, 1996. Mary Lou advises us that until then "I had the only girl, in the family (both sides). Twenty-five years and eleven boys later Jecara Luella Hatch was born. I finally have a niece and my daughter, Amy Sue, is wild with excitement over a girl cousin." Jecara and Amy Sue are granddaughters of Luella (Mabee) Brodie, #159.

MARY LOU AND DAVID BACH VISIT DELAVAN WISCONSIN

"In April of 1992, my husband and I were enroute to Dunbar, Wisconsin to return our daughter to college. I was browsing at the map and realized Delavan was only a "little" out of our way. I mentioned it to my husband. That night at the motel we checked our map again and decided to get up a little earlier and go to Delavan on the way home.

We arrived in Delavan about 9:30 AM. (I was wishing I had my map of Spring Grove Cemetery, but it was about 12 hours away in Pennsylvania.) I had heard of the MABIE BROTHERS' CIRCUS for years. I also knew about the family plot in the cemetery. We found Spring Grove Cemetery and had some help finding the general area we wanted. We took some pictures and walked around.



There was a large Mabie family marker. In front of it was Edmund F. Mabie's marker. It read "1810 - 1867 I WANT HIS WILL DONE." On the back it reads "DEAR EDMUND." To the right of his marker his daughter Sarah is buried. She worked in the Circus with small mammals.

To the left is Ann Mary, another daughter. Ann Mary worked with the menagerie. His wife Laura Buckley Mabie Crosby and her second husband Orlando Crosby are buried farther to the left. In between are four markers of small boys, they read:

"Matthew 1852-1855 3 yr 10 mo 9 days
"God Loved Him and Took Him Home"

"Gurdon 1862-1865"

"E. Foster 1863-1863"

"Edmund F. Jr. 1868-1868 5 mo 8 days
Gone to His Father"

Laura was expecting the last child when Edmund passed on. Edmund's sister Sarah Mabie worked with the wardrobes in the circus and is also buried in the plot.

Upon leaving the cemetery we drove down Walworth St. and to my surprise there was a sign in front of a house that read, "JEREMIAH MABIE HOUSE BED AND



BREAKFAST". After taking some pictures, this introvert walked up to the door and knocked. I identified myself as a Mabie descendant. The house is no longer in the family but the owner, Mrs. Schoen, graciously showed us through the whole place. It was very unique. The house

began to be built in 1865, but Jeremiah died before it was finished. The brochure of the house states in part, 'The house is a historical elegant Italiante home.'

Mrs. Schoen then told us about the Circus Museum downtown and of a man named Gordon Yadon, who could give us more information.

We found the museum and spent time viewing all of the memorabilia. When we were ready to leave we asked for an address for Mr. Yadon and found that he was attending a meeting in the building. We waited to meet him. When we did meet him, he took us home with him and shared some very interesting facts with us regarding the circus and the Mabie brothers. He also gave me a copy of the Historical Souvenir Magazine which he compiled for the Circus Centennial held there in 1970.

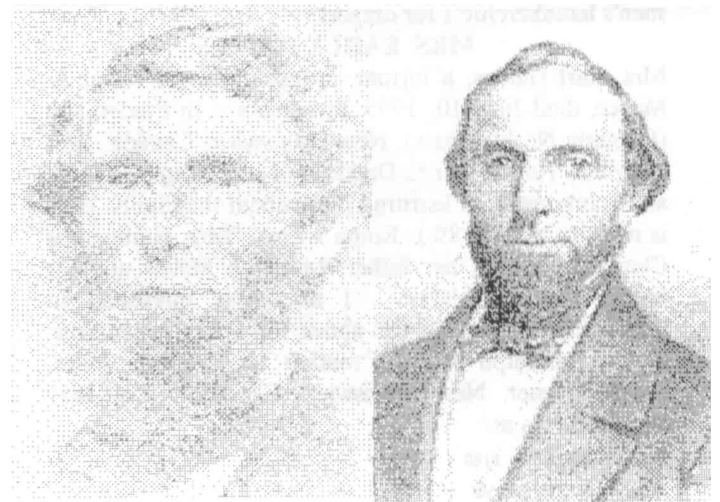
We only spent three hours in Delavan but it is easy to see why Edmund and Jeremiah quartered their circus there. It is a very pretty town with a lake, fields and woods.

I would like to go back on a "planned" trip. Our daughter transferred to another college so we never had the opportunity to stop after our first trip.

In March, I was so excited to receive a letter asking for information on Edmund Mabie. The letter was from a great great granddaughter of Edmund -- Sharon Sova. Sharon and I are corresponding and swapping information. She received my address from Mr. Yadon and also made a trip to Delavan."

SHOWMEN NOT FORGOTTEN

Tyrone Tillson, #103, of Bellingham, Washington, writes, "I recently gave a slide show on early entertainment in the Northwest and was able to work Jeremiah and Edmund Mabie into the show since the purchaser of the Mabie Show eventually brought the circus to Bellingham Bay in 1891. (Adam Forepaugh was the gentleman's name.) I wrote to Delavan and told them about my need of clear photos of Jeremiah and Edmund and they were very accommodating, sending me not only two nice photos but some letterhead as well."



Edmund F. Mabie

Jeremiah Mabie

MABEE ADDS SPEED TO BOMBERS' ATTACK

The Daily Gazette - College Notebook

by Bob Weiner, Gazette sportswriter 4/12/96



There is no substitute for raw speed. Ithaca College junior mid-fielder, Amanda Mabee, has plenty of that valuable commodity, and she knows how to use it. Just ask her frustrated opponents, who, according to her coach, often resort to cheap penalties to slow her down.

"Amanda's greatest strength is her speed," said first-year Ithaca head women's lacrosse coach Anne van Heuven about the Scotia-Glenville High School product.

The five foot 2 scoring ace had collected a team high, 29 goals and eight assists for 37 points in nine games for the high scoring bombers. ... With senior JoAnn Binko adding 22 goals and 13 assists, the Bombers have one of the best 1-2 punches in the Northeast.

OUR FAMILY DOES ORDINARY THINGS IN AN EXTRAORDINARY WAY

When Barrie Mabie # 45, recently had a mild stroke the night of the expected blizzard of the century, snowstorm #13, he went to the hospital carried on a stretcher by a crew trudging through thigh-high snow. Fortunately, Barry is in quite good condition and getting stronger all of the time, and had no noticeable effects.

Because of the anticipated birth of Barbara Maybee Carter, #3, her parents moved from their ranch in Montana to Idaho Falls, Idaho, to be near medical facilities. However, when it became time to go to the hospital, snow made it even impassable by horse, so her father, Eric Maybee, carried his wife, Rita Millecam Maybee, in his arms to the Hospital. Barbara was premature and although they did not weigh babies, then, she was so small that if you held her with her head in the palm of your hand, her feet did not reach to your elbow. She wore doll clothes and men's handkerchiefs for diapers.

MRS. EARLE HAINES

Mrs. Earl Haines, a former correspondent of Royal A. Mabee, died June 10, 1995, at her home in Fredericton (formerly Nashwaaksis), New Brunswick, Canada. Her daughter, Roma Haines Dodds, has picked up the torch and is interested in learning more about the family. (She is now member #189.) Roma writes, "Mrs. Haines was Clara Mabee and her father Randolph Mabee and his father William Mabee. I am most interested in information regarding the above for a few generations back. Randolph Mabee's mother was Marilda Jones, Burt's Corner, New Brunswick, Canada." You may contact Roma at:

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DARTMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA
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LEFFERTS LAMONT MABIE, JR.



Lefferts L. Mabie, #165, died of a massive heart attack, Wednesday, March 20, 1996, at the age of 70. He was on his way home from work, following a late conference in his office. This was very appropriate because he loved his work and was known to say, "Every day that ended in "Y" was a working day".

Lefferts was born in Bronxville, New York, May 6, 1925, to Lefferts L. and Margarete (Cronjaeger) Mabie. He graduated from Lakeland High School in 1941; and served in the 8th Air Force during World War II as a B-17 pilot. He flew 25 missions over Europe (the maximum number of missions that he was allowed to fly).

He graduated from the University of Florida College of Law with an LLB degree in 1948.

He served as County Judge in Hardee County, Florida, before moving to Pensacola in 1965. He practiced law in Pensacola with J. B. Hopkins and later joined the law firm of Levin, Middlebrooks, Mabie, Thomas, Mayes and Mitchell, P.A., in 1967, where he became a senior partner. The firm once counted Governor Reuben Askew as partner.

Lefferts served as president of the circuit bar association on the Tenth Judicial Circuit in Central Florida and the First Judicial Circuit in Northwest Florida. He held all of the offices of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, and served as its president in 1972. He also served as director of the American Board of Trial Advocates and a member of the executive committee of the Trial Lawyers Section of the Florida Bar, having been active in the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers since its inception. He had recently been named a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Florida College of Law; and was appointed by Governor Lawton Chiles of Florida to the Judicial Nominating Commission for the Supreme Court of Florida. He was listed in the publication, *The Best Lawyers in America* and was honored with the Lifetime achievement award by the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers in 1992. He was a regular lecturer before the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, The Florida Bar, the American Board of Trial Advocates and the American Bar Association in the field of trial practice and insurance bad faith litigation.

He tried cases in 34 different counties of Florida and numerous other states.

In 1991, Lefferts established the Lefferts L. Mabie Endowment Fund at the University of West Florida to honor his parents, Lefferts L. Mabie, Sr. and Margarete Cronjaeger Mabie.

Lefferts left a very loving family-his wife of 50 years, Marianne Munson Smith Mabie; their daughter Margarete, their son, Lefferts L. Mabie III (who is also an attorney), a grand-daughter Charlotte Wakeley Shows and his brother, J. Ralph Mabie. Marianne assures us that their families are a great comfort to her during this difficult time.

NEW ADDRESSES AND OTHER UPDATED INFORMATION

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John C. Mabie and Thomas Costello have recently joined in forming the law firm Costello & Mabie. We learned more about John and the new firm from the "Economy" section of the *Brattleboro Reformer* of January 31, 1996, and are including some excerpts here. "Brattleboro lawyer and state representative, Thomas W. Costello has formed a law firm with local attorney, John C. Mabie."

"Mabie is a native of New York and has practiced Law for the past two years in Brattleboro. Mabie received his training as a litigator at two leading New York City law firms during the eight years he practiced there. The first firm, Satterlee, Stephens, Burke & Burke, represented several publishing companies such as Doubleday, Gannett and MacMillan and handled many First Amendment, libel and copyright cases. The second firm, Robinson, Silverman, had a large litigation, real estate and labor practice. More recently, John C. Mabie was assistant general counsel at Harper Collins Publishers, formerly Harper and Row, where he handled corporate and publishing legal matters.

"Mabie graduated from St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., in 1979. After college, he lived on Mount Desert Island in Maine, where he headed a local Special Olympics program. Shortly thereafter, he returned to New York where he worked as a legal assistant for a Wall Street law firm while attending night classes at New York Law School. In his last year, he served as editor in chief of the school's International Law Journal. After graduating from law school in 1985, Mabie clerked for Justice William F. Batchelder at the New Hampshire Supreme Court."

John is married to the former Valerie Stuart, a communications specialist.

FRANCES HARRIS' zip code has changed but only by one digit. It is now 98683.

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RUTH GLENN'S, #121, phone number is (518)-883-5496 and her E-Mail is RGlenn72@aol.com.

BARBARA CARTER, #3, has a new E-Mail address; it is- Carterb@televa.com

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THE BRADT/ BRATT family is of great interest to many of our readers. We exchange our *Communicator* for their *Bradt Family News* and enjoy that publication very much. They are in the process of moving to a new location. That address is:

BRADT FAMILY NEWS
10287 SILVERADO CIRCLE
BRADENTON, FLORIDA 34202-4039

70 YEARS OF WEDDED BLISS

April 22, Marion and Doug Jesmain, #118, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. Doug was 90, March 19; Marion will be 88, July 31. Our heartiest congratulations to both of them.

SIXTY HAPPY YEARS TOGETHER

On March 1, 1996, Edmund Wheeler Mabie, #89 and Mercedes Rockefeller Mabie celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. It was a lovely occasion with a feast, many toasts, fun gifts and the companionship of close friends and family including 2 3/4 great grandchildren. Among those in attendance were Edmund's sisters Patricia Mabie Magette, #91, and Evelyn Mabie Danilevics, #94.

WEDDING AT THE HOUSE

The young man who has been living at the Mabee House will be married there on July 20th and then moving to Kansas, where he will be going back to school. We, as members of the family very much appreciate his services there.

A new tenant has been selected. Kim Mabee tells us that he has a background as a historian, and is a great guy.

TWO SISTERS IN THE BIG CITY

Evelyn Danilevics writes, "In December 95, I went to New York City to meet my sister Patricia Magette, who came there with a tour group from North Carolina. We had a fun filled 5 days seeing the Christmas decorations in New York City, visiting Chinatown and seeing Broadway plays. We also had a wonderful dinner at 'Tavern-on the Green'. Very enjoyable despite the bitter cold weather. I came back home in a blinding blizzard, but it still was an adventure! Happy Spring to everyone."

WELCOME

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Maxine placed a query in the last newsletter and through your help she was able to learn more about her family. She writes, "It appears my 5G-Grandfather, Simon Mabee was the father of my 4G-Grandfather Silas Mabee as well as Mr. Mutrie's ancestor, Frederick Mabee." We look forward to becoming better acquainted with Maxine at the reunion in Salt Lake City on July 18th and 19th.

BARRIE AND DENISE MABIE # 184
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Barrie Mabee is a son of Barrie and Gloria Mabee, member's #45. Barrie works in the retail toy business Dede works part-time in child care and office work.

DR. & MRS. PETER C. MABIE # 185
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Peter is also a son of Barrie and Gloria Mabee. He and his wife, Elizabeth Hope Fischer, are very busy. She continues as a producer at NBC's "Dateline" and Peter does research in neurology at his alma mater, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York, where he is now an assistant professor. He was recently awarded a five-year grant from the National Institute of Health. Peter has led an active life in amateur sports; and enjoys playing the piano. They are also completing a new home in Larchmont, NY.

SHARON A. GAINES # 186
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We are delighted to have Sharon join with us. She is the daughter of our member, Barbara Jean Gaines, #122; niece of our President, John A. Maybee; and of Helen Randi, #108 and cousin to Mike and Lisa Maybee, #128.

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Dale is a descendant of Abraham W. Hunt, b. 7 Feb. 1825, Sussex County, New Jersey and Rachel Mabee, b. abt 1825, Sussex County, New Jersey. They married August 1, 1846, in Sussex Co. and moved to Morgan Co., Indiana in 1855. Dale believes that Rachel was a descendant of John and Ann Mabee of Sussex County. Other children were William Mabee, b. March 8, 1822; Annie Mabee; Susan

Mabee; and possibly one other daughter. If you know more about Rachel and her family, please contact Dale. Betty M. Mabee, #43 introduced Dale to the Maybee Society.

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Sharon is a great-great granddaughter of Edmund F. Mabee of the Mabee Brothers Circus. She has taken the time to share much more information about him and that branch of the family. We look forward to including some of the information in future newsletters.

MRS. RAYMOND DODDS #189
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Roma Dodds was kind enough to let us know of the death of her Mother, Mrs. Earle Haines. Mrs. Haines was a correspondent of Royal A. Mabee. Roma is interested in carrying on her Mother's work and so is now a member of the Maybee Society.

QUERY

VAN ORDER/ ORDEN-BURLING

Jane Thompson-Stahr has asked us to publish the following query. "Van Order/ Orden-Burling. Jeanette Van Order/ Orden, d/o Cornelius and Ann Elizabeth, married. abt. 1862, Ithaca NY. Charles E. Burling b. 1841. Jeanette and Charles had George Fred. Did they have other children?" Jane is researching for study and publication, so whatever documentation you can supply would be greatly appreciated.

You can contact her:

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