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## THE PATROON SYSTEM

The States General of Holland gave control of trade with New Netherlands (the land that Hudson discovered) to the West India Company in 1621. From the beginning, furs were the major interest of the Dutch. Beaver, otter, mink and muskrat skins were soon going to Holland in great numbers. The Dutch did not begin serious settlement until 1623. They were fortunate that they did not immediately lose the Colony to the English, who regarded the coast as theirs because of voyages dating back to John Cabot. In fact, the Pilgrims planned to settle along the Hudson River, but a storm at sea drove them to Plymouth in 1620. Dutch settlement was slow although the Company offered each settler a *bouwerie* (farm). Life was very good in Holland and very few wanted to leave their comfortable homes to build in this virgin land.

In 1629, in an effort to spur colonization, the West India Company drew up a charter of "privileges and exemptions." This system allowed any member to buy enormous tracts of land from the Indians along the bank of any navigable river. These tracts could extend for 16 miles on one shore or 8 miles on both shores and as far inland "as the situation of the occupier would permit." The only requirement was that the purchaser, called a *Patroon*, should establish a colony of at least 50 persons on his land within four years. Manhattan Island and Ft. Orange were exempt as they were claimed by the Company for itself.

A *Patroon* had considerable powers. He was able to administer civil and criminal justice in person or by representative within his colony. He had the power to appoint local officers, erect courts and keep a gallows (if such was required). Further he had the right to trade in everything but furs which right was reserved for the Company.



## RONALD GORDON MABEY

Reg. # 80086

19th Armored Regiment

2nd NZEF WWII

12 May 1916 - 9 Mar 1996

"Hilda, Roger and Jill, Andrea, Tim and Steven, Barry and Shirley, Michelle, Andrew and Owen wish to thank you for all your prayers, love and sympathy to us in the sudden loss of our loved one Ron,

Dad, and Grandpop." ... *Hilda Mabey*

Ronald Gordon Mabey was a native of New Zealand as was his father, Robert Thomas Mabey, and his grandfather, David James Mabey. His great-grandfather, Job Mabey, and great-grandmother, Raechel Mockridge were the first Mabeys to come to New Zealand. They arrived from the United Kingdom aboard the ship, *Olympus* in May 1841.

## GEORGE FRANCHERE

We love to hear from George Franchere as he is always very thoughtful in sharing bits of information that are of interest to the members of the family. So, in turn, we thought we would tell you of some of his recent activities. George has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Florida Historical Society. Earlier this year he took a trip to Iceland and reported, "It is one of the most livable places I have ever visited. So clean, So modern. About 120,000 people in Reykjavik, 270,000 in all Iceland. A must for everyone who has run out of new destinations." He also spent five days riding trains while at the annual meeting of the National Railway Historical Society.

## JACK MAYBEE MAKES SPOUSE INDEX AVAILABLE

Our President, John A. Maybee, reports "A copy of the Mabie/Mabee/Maybee// spouse family index is made available to the public in hopes that it may be of some genealogical value to others and in hopes that some people will provide the compiler corrections and/or additional data that will update the file, fill in gaps or help to bring some lines up to the present. Since 1992, the file has doubled to about 26,000 names. Still much more data is needed and gross misassumptions need to be corrected where authentic data can be provided.

Family data from the file is available in different formats: pedigree charts, ancestry and descendancy charts and ahnentafel charts. Copies of data printouts will be provided in limited quantities without charge. Extended printouts are available for a minimal fee; that is, the cost of postage and printing.

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

The program used is PAF, *Personal Ancestral File*, by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Anyone wishing a computer generated copy of the data file should send five 3.5" high density disks. There will be no charge for shipping; however, the requesting person should have a copy of the most recent version of the PAF program or access to an LDS Family History Center. GEDCOM files can also be requested.

The Compiler's Schenectady address is 607 Via Ponderosa, Schenectady, New York 12303. Telephone (518) 355-6655. Use this address between May and November. His Florida address is 100 Clyde Lane, Apt. 106, Dunedin, Florida 34698. Telephone (813) 736-5593.

Some of you may be interested in the source of the data in this file. Original work was started in 1963 by the compiler and his close relatives, especially Laura Gilmour and Mildred McKenney. During the 1960's, Howard McConville, Curator of the Schenectady County Historical Society, provided much guidance and free access to his entire Mabie file. Maurice Strobeck and Royal Mabee were encouraging and very helpful. After retirement, in 1988, the compiler purchased a computer, R. Robert Mutrie's book, *Six Thousand New York Ancestors, A Compendium of Mabie Research*, Pearson's, *First Settlers of Schenectady* and obtained a copy of Royal Mabee's printed file. He started in the PAF program with his own family and went on from there using Mutrie's book as a base and Pearson as a reference. Conflicts were resolved by checking Royal Mabee's notes and other references in the New York State Library, the Fonda Archives, the Schenectady County Historical Society Library and state, town and county records. Wayne Mabie was able to provide the actual minute's book kept by Hanson Mabie of the South Valley

Mabies' annual meetings, which have been held regularly since the mid 1800's. Here, Maurice Strobeck, the 1960's historian, had started a very thorough genealogy of the South Valley Branch of the family. Many members of that branch of the family have been helpful, but Louella Brodie and her daughter, Donna Hatch, the present historian, Earl and Marietta Mabie, Edward (Ted) Mabie, Margaret Mabie and Wayne Mabie have been especially helpful providing data on the South Valley branch of the Family. George Franchere was instrumental in providing direct and personal access to his father's material, which consisted of about 25 years of research and correspondence contained in the equivalent of 15 boxes of written records. Barbara Pogoda provided much data on the Slingerland branch of the family and access to the Bradt Book, which contained hundreds of additional family names.

Many other members of the family have been very helpful in providing complete family data. Three of these people should be mentioned here. Elsie Maddaus, Librarian at the Schenectady County Historical Society, has provided inspiring day to day assistance. Charles Stoodley of Toronto, Ontario, has provided an extensive family file and continuing daily encouragement. Finally, Frances Hindmarsh of Aylmer, Ontario, has provided her entire copy of the Van Patten family file; she has exchanged family data bases; and she has provided daily encouragement and instruction.

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

Anyone who claims to be a descendant of any branch of the Maybee family, regardless of spelling is eligible, welcome, and encouraged to join the Maybee Society. If interested, they should write to Belva Perry at: 10020 23rd Drive S.E; Everett, Washington 98208. "

*Jack*

### THIS IS HOW IT WORKS

Ted Briggs of Ontario, Canada was looking for some of his Mabie family. Believing that his maternal grandmother came from Michigan, he called Jean Siebarth #.004, Town Historian of Maybee, Michigan. Jean referred him to Belva, # 2, in Everett, Washington. Belva recognized a name and referred him to Cindy Bryant, #49, in Benton Harbor Mich. Cindy tells us that Ted is a descendant of Harriet Mabie, (sister to her ancestor, Joel) and that she had searched many, many cemeteries, without success, trying to find her. Orvan L. Mabie #68, sent us some Vital Statistics from Indiana. From that information we were able to locate a family member of Ron Mabie #67 and Barrie and Gloria Mabie #45. Barrie and Gloria wrote, "We were never able to find their marriage record in New York or New Jersey and now we know why."



### **ELIZABETH H. FISCHER & PETER C. MABIE**

From articles in *The Scarsdale Inquirer* and the *New York Times* we read more about the marriage of Elizabeth and Peter, # 185. Elizabeth Hope Fischer, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Fischer of Bedford, N.Y., was married Saturday, May 20, 1995, to Dr. Peter Christopher Mabie, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Barrie Mabie, #45, of Scarsdale, N.Y., at the home of the bride's parents.

Elizabeth is keeping her maiden name. She is a producer for *Dateline NBC*. She graduated from Brown University. Her father is a managing partner in Lowenthal, Landau, Fischer and Bring, a New York law firm. Her mother, Arlene Fischer, formerly an associate editor of the *Inquirer* and founder of the Edgemont section. She was a former contributing editor of *Redbook* magazine and is a freelance writer.

Peter is a neuroscience researcher at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx and an assistant attending neurologist at Bronx Municipal Hospital. He graduated from the University of Rochester earning his medical degree from Albert Einstein College. His mother, Gloria, served as science information coordinator at the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation national office in White Plains. His father, Barrie, a graphic designer in New York, has a great love for history, geography, archaeology and art.

The bridegroom's parents were hosts at a rehearsal dinner at the Old '76 House in Tappan, N.Y., also known as Mabie's Tavern.

The famous restaurant was owned by Peter's great, great, great, great grand-uncle, Casparus Mabie, during the America Revolution when it served as Major Andre's prison after his capture by the Colonists.

Peter and Elizabeth honeymooned in Greece and then settled in a home they are purchasing in Larchmont, New York, on their return.

### **ORAL HISTORY: A PEEK INTO THE PAST**

Gloria Casamo Mabie, #45 recently wrote an article *Oral History: A Peek Into the Past* for the *Scarsdale Historical Society Journal*, 1995. It is the first of five articles and is titled, *Pioneers in Putman County 1921-1944*.

The same issue also contained an article, *A Talk With a Genealogist*, Gloria prepared from a conversation with Mr. Marvin Hall, now nearly ninety..Mr. Hall willingly shared family diaries and pictures as well as professional architectural drawings made of family homes in Tennessee. Mr. Hall's portion of the voluminous family history begins with the quotation, (change font here???? "Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask thy father and he will show thee; thy elders and they will tell thee." from the *Song of Moses, Deuteronomy 32:7*.)

## “JOHN”

Doug Mabee, #177, has been kind enough to throw more light on the “Johns” of Eastern Ontario.

### 1. John (Johannes Mabee) UE c1749-1817

Doug’s ancestor who fought with Butler’s Rangers and who is on the Executive List.

"Stayed behind in Sussex Co., New Jersey, after the (Revolutionary) War"

Occupation: Farmer and Shoemaker in his later years.

Married: Katherine Houser (Hauser)

Appears to have immigrated 1788 to Newark (Niagara on the Lake)

Petition 1797 as Military Claimant for 550 acres of family land while resident Lot 61 Con 2, Ameliaburg Twp, Prince Edward Co. (Six children)

550 acres in Darlington Twp; patent Mar 12, 1811; sold June 4, 1811

Will dated May 7, 1816, names 5 sons and 4 daughters: John, Abraham, Henry, Daniel, Andrew, Mary, Phebe, Elizabeth and Katherine.

### 2. John Way Maybee 1781-1869

Immigrated in 1789 from New York State as oldest son of Tobias Maybee

Occupation: Mason, Plasterer, Inn Keeper and Land Speculator

Married: Martha McArthur, daughter of Charles McArthur, UE

Resident: Lot 17, Con 2, Thurlow Twp in 1812; later in Belleville

Owned other property i.e.: Lot 35 Con 4, Hamilton Twp.

Religion: Church of England; later Wesleyan Methodist

### 3. John Mabey 1775-1853

Son of Peter Mabey c1734-1777 and Eleanor Clemens Peter in Loyal Rangers, New Jersey Volunteers 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion 1777 and died in 1777 during retreat. (Peter is the older brother of Frederick Mabee who settled at Turkey Point, Ontario.)

Eleanor with son at Sorel in 1783; she remarried Joseph Hoffman E. ½ Lot 22 Con 1, Ernestown Twp. Later sold to John

Married: Annie Barbara Huffnail daughter of Jopts Huffnail UE

John granted Lot 19 Con 2, Darlington Twp. as SUE 1801-1807

Barbara granted Lot 6 Con 9, East Whitby Twp. as DUE 1801-01807

Resident: Lot 23 Con 3, Sidney twp. 1811-1853; will available.

1842 petitions by John’s children for land, not allowed as they were not children of a United Empire Loyalist.

### 4. John Maybee 17xx-c1825

Son of Sergeant Lewis Mabee of Butler’s Rangers

Resident Chippawa Twp. Lot 9 lying front Niagara River Mar 4, 1795

Patent 120A Lot 9 Cross Con from Niagara River 1798-1799

Wife: Sarah; 1825 will available,

5. **John Mabee** 1765- aft. 1837.

Son of Johannes Mebie/Maby c1734- bef 1769

Loyalist in American Revolution; with brothers Peter & Isaac to Nova Scotia

Married: Margaret 1765-

1837 resident with son William Mabee at Lot 37 Con 2, Etobicoke Twp., Ontario, (Toronto region); also leased Lot 20 Con 3, York Twp.

Father to the Tottenham, Albion Twp. Mabees of Ontario.”

## STORY VERSUS FACT

Family traditions and stories are often a great help in locating ancestors, and most contain some truth which may give us a time or place to search. Many of us cling to the stories long after they are disproved. However, a true genealogist will move forward with the new information. Frans Somers, #111 has searched and found information that updates his family line, but in doing so has had to put aside some of the romantic stories about his family. He writes, "I regret that I have had little success in tracing my Mabey ancestors. In fact, I have only been able to confirm the existence of some members, even when I knew their names and dates of birth. Apparently, the relevant church records have been destroyed. My only achievement was to disprove some family legends. Starting with Anne Mabey, who with her husband, Thomas Lawton, their children and her mother went to South Australia in 1850, I did find she was one of seven children. Their baptismal records were found in the Weymouth Wesleyan circuit register.

I could not find any evidence of her father ever having been a sea captain. In 1817, John Mabey's occupation was given as a carpenter, while the Weymouth census shows him as a baker.

Interestingly, he stayed with their youngest daughter Rebecca and her husband, while his wife Susanna came to Australia with the Lawton family.

Regarding John Mabey's parents, I did find William Mabey married Betty Osmund on 19 April 1772, at the Holy Trinity Church in Wareham. Family legend was that he had to leave after the 'Great Fire of Wareham'. As the fire occurred in 1762, it could not have been the reason for them leaving Wareham. I am told that the Wareham baptismal records for the relevant period in which William Mabey would have been born have not survived. The Bishop's transcripts in the Dorset Record office from 1742-1758 were searched, but William Mabey's baptism could not be found. Therefore I have not been able to verify his date of birth. Regarding his wife, I did find a Betty Osmond was baptized of 4 February 1735 at Corfe Castle. She was either much older than him or the date of birth wrongly recorded in the Lawton Family Bible or I found a different Betty Osmond."

## ROMEO AND JULIET

"After 1853, the Mabie Brothers Circus based much of its own publicity on two elephants. They had been purchased from the partnership of P.T. Barnum, Seth B. Howe (Mr. Howe had been hired in 1840 by the Mabie brothers to manage their own circus during its first year on the road) and Shrewd Stratton, the father of Tom Thumb.

The two elephants, Romeo and Juliet, had been imported from India along with eight other elephants in the spring of 1850 by Barnum and Co. But, Romeo proved to be erratic and dangerous. He killed his trainer shortly after arriving in this country and he, along with his lady friend, was put up for sale, the Mabie brothers jumped at the chance to win two such famous pachyderms.

With great delight the Brothers' press agents sent out to various newspapers, stories about the two devoted companions and gained nation-wide attention when they released the heart-rendering story of how, while crossing a narrow bridge in Iowa, the diminutive Juliet had slipped over the side and was about to fall to her horrible death on the jagged rocks below when Romeo rushed to her rescue. At the last moment, their two trunks intertwined and as Juliet dangled over her doom, Romeo strained and bellowed to his Juliet as if to say, 'Hang on my dearest. I will save you!' She hung there for two and then three and then five minutes until streams of tears dampened Juliet's cheeks and long black eyelashes, but still Romeo could not manage to pull her back to safety and it was decided that he leave her to fall to her fate below or surely he would follow her to his own destruction. But he refused to let go of his Juliet, so the trainers began prodding his side with pitchforks. Then in a rage of pain he suddenly raised up on his hind legs and with a mighty heave pulled Juliet to safety. From then on Romeo and Juliet never left each others side and in the evenings the two lovers were often seen in the dark recesses of the Circus grounds holding trunks. This story brought the circus some of its most valued publicity. This story was also a hoax and a press agent's dream come true.

W.C. Coup in his reminiscences of 1904 described Romeo as "The wise old elephant," but he had a much darker side as well., for he was indeed a rogue male - a killer elephant. In 1852 he crushed to death his keeper, Long John; in 1855 he crushed to death another keeper, Frenchy Williams and in 1860 he killed yet another man. The publicity men made sure these deaths were well advertised and it drew crowds, but after the sale of the circus to Adam Forepaugh and a general change in attitudes, Romeo became less of a draw until in 1867 he was stored away in a barn after killing yet another handler. Eventually Romeo was sold to the Van Amburg Circus (Isaac Van Amburg was the most famous lion tamer of the 19th century and is credited with being the first man to put his head in a lion's mouth - His one complaint about the stunt was that the breath of a lion is horrendous.

One odd twist of fate was that P.T. Barnum was a co-owner of the Van Ambaugh Circus during the two years that Romeo was with the outfit. Then in 1869, Romeo killed a fifth trainer and was sold back to Adam Forepaugh with whom he remained until June 7, 1872, when he died of an infected foot while in Chicago. His remains were put on display, briefly, after which time he was buried in the Chicago City Dump.

And as to Juliet? She died in February of 1864 at the Mabie Brothers winterquarters at Delavan, Wisconsin, and because of the frozen ground, was taken out on the frozen lake where a hole was chopped through the ice and her weighted body was pushed overboard where it lays today among the jagged rocks below." This article was written for us by Tyrone Tillson, #103.

## MORE MABEE OHIO

Betty Mabee, #43, writes, "... This is a response to the item on page 6 of the *Communicator* (issue 29), regarding Mabee Ohio. My husband, John C. Mabee is of the line who settled in Jackson County, Ohio, sometime in the early 1800's. The *Ohio Gazetteer* of 1895 establishes that a William Mabee owned a Post Office and General Store at 'Hanging Rock' Iron region of Jackson, Ohio and he also owned a 'Carding Works or a Mill'".

About 15 years ago John and I visited Jackson County looking for anything about his family and we found Mabee Center, as it was known. At that time it was just a few buildings at a crossroads, situated in a large valley. I'm sure, at one time, it was in a very strategic location; serving people from miles around.

This William Mabee married Mary Heath (Hayth) and had several children before moving to Wayne County, Iowa, where they lived out their lives. At least three of their children died in Jackson County, Ohio. William and Mary and some of the other children are buried in Tharp Cemetery, located on a dirt road, in a wooded area, west and south of Seymour, Iowa. Ironically, in June-July of this year, the Mormons re-enacted the trip through Iowa on their way west and stopped on an overnight campout at the site of Tharp Cemetery, which is where they stayed on their trip. John's parents and other family members are also buried there."

## GETTING TOGETHER

Doug C. Mabee # 177, writes, "Earlier this summer I met a great couple, Dawn and Walter Bilanow, #80. Dawn is a descendant of Tobias Maybee of Ontario, Canada, and they are currently living in Battle Creek, Michigan. We had communicated by letter for a while, but they were finally encouraged to come to the land of her pioneer ancestors, Ontario. Together we searched out and found several plots of land north of Belleville, Ontario, and I, for one, thoroughly enjoyed my new found friends."

## REUNION IN FLORIDA

De Brenner #101, and our President, Jack Maybee with his wife Mary are again planning a Maybee Reunion in Florida, for all branches of the family, on the second Saturday in March. This reunion has been an outstanding success in the past and is one that we all certainly will benefit from by attending.

### GET READY FOR THE REUNION AT THE MABEE FARM

There will be a reunion at the Mabee Farm July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of 1997. Although there are still many details to be worked out, now would be a good time now for you to start planning to attend. This will be a great experience and an opportunity to see part of Mabee History and to meet many other members of the family. We will be able to see the House, the Farm, some of the artifacts and some of the early documents and genealogical materials relating to the family. The plans include a picnic, side trips, including a trip to the stockade and possibly side trips to other areas of family interest in the Mohawk Valley. Johnson Hall, the Herkimer Home or Tappan could be a destination. If you have any suggestions or questions, contact D. Wayne Maybee, #134, Kim & Gary Mabee, #78, or our President John A Maybee, #58.

### THE MABEE FARM

From an article by Barbara Wylie in the *Schenectady County Historical Society Newsletter*, we learn, "Blue skies, warm sunshine and gentle breezes provided a perfect setting for the recent visit to the Mabee farm by a group of experts in historic preservation and restoration. The group was led by Don Carpentier, developer of Historic Eastfield Village in East Nassau, New York. Participants included: Bill McMillen, Supervisor of Restoration at Historic Richmond Town in Staten, New York, and Judy McMillen Director of Education at the same site; Clay Smith of West Point, Virginia, a gunsmith at Colonial Williamsburg; Jeremiah Rusconi of Hudson, NY, an historic preservation specialist; John Kovacik of Ballston Spa, NY, an expert in early furniture; Greg Huber of Wyckoff, New Jersey, a specialist in Dutch Architecture and Dutch barns. This group investigated the main stone house, the inn and the brick house from attic to cellar, evaluated the clues they uncovered and suggested a number of possibilities for the early appearance and uses of these buildings. They also made recommendations for the approaches to preservation and restoration which they felt were appropriate for this site. Three hours of video tape of this investigative process and the expert advice that it produced will be available for reference by the Historical Society whenever needed. A large number of Mabee Farm Committee members observed the process and provided a picnic lunch for the entire group."

## SUNDAY BARN BRUNCH

An article in the *Schenectady County Historical Society Newsletter* by Barbara Wylie tells us of a *Sunday Barn Brunch*. "The Mabee Farm Committee hosted a September Sunday morning brunch, followed by a short talk about Dutch Barns, the Mabee-Bradt and Nilson barns in particular, and an acceptance by the Committee of those historic barns from the Key Bank and the Nilson family. The Key Bank barn has been disassembled and will be brought to the Mabee Barn site in its separate pieces.

Nearly 70 people attended including Frank Ligvoet (Bob this needs a mark???) the Dutch Consul for Cultural affairs for the USA; Henry Kol from the Dutch office of cultural affairs; and Coen Blaauw, Executive Director for Public Affairs of the Formosan Association. Also present were Charles Goering, Director of the New Netherland project, with his wife; several members of the New Netherland project and of Friends of New Netherland; and Dr. Andrew Hendricks, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the New Netherland Museum at Croton, N.Y. (where the *Halve Maen* reproduction is docked.), Who attended with his wife and three young daughters. Dr. Hendricks is the recent recipient of the Howard Hageman Citation for extraordinary contribution to the New Netherland project.

Attendees were treated to a splendid collation of Dutch foods, including an array of at least ten different breads. Cider and coffee were also provided."

### LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE

"A few years ago Maybee descendant Philip Johnson was looking over the site of a long-gone log cabin that had belonged for decades to his Maybee ancestors, namely: Peter Maybee 1775-1830, his son William Huff Maybee 1801-81, and his son Robert B. Maybee 1835-1919. The family had occupied Lot 2 Con 5, Murray Twp., Northumberland Co., Ontario until the 1860's. During his search, Philip found a pioneer axe head that could have belonged to his ancestors. This Easter, Philip and I were looking over the site of another cabin, Lot 6 Con 7, same township, same county. Although Johnson property since 1801, squatters had resided on the back forty where the cabin once stood, and there were Maybees amongst the various families who occupied the site. Once again, Philip was fortunate to find another axe head. It too may have been used by the Maybees in the 19th century. Here's a photo with Philip and his latest 'Maybee' find."

Peter Johnson UE





## IRENE L. SHROPE

We are sorry to have to report the death of Irene L. Shrope, #17. Irene was very active and helpful to many who were searching their roots. The Mabies in her line were on her Mother's side of the family (the Tallmans). Irene told us "The Tallman line has been quite well traced along many of the lines since Abraham Lincoln, Daniel Boone and Cole Porter were all part of her Tallman line." Whenever we had a question about the Tallmans we were able to go to Irene for help.

Irene told us, "My Tallman ancestors originated in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, then moved to Delaware Co., New York, then to Genessee County, New York, and finally to Wyoming Co., New York. In our family it is said that the Tallmans and the Mabie's traveled together for at least 3 generations and that there were many intermarriages." Giles Tallman married first, Permillia Mabie, daughter of Reverend Daniel Mabie and Rachel Booth. When she died he married, Betsy Mabie, daughter of Elias Mabie and his first wife, Mary Hunt. Elias is a brother of the Reverend Daniel Mabie. Permillia was the mother of Lebbeus Tallman who married Polly Fuller. They were the parents of Elias H. Tallman, who married Harriet Jane Stahl, Elias and Harriet were the parents of Duane Ferman Tallman, Irene's grandfather. Irene had an interest "in all the allied families" and her goal was to complete "at least" her five generation chart. For the past 20 years she had been concentrating on her father's line (Shrope/Schropp) and had several hundred pages from which she was preparing a book.

## CHAT WITH KIM MABEE



Kim Mabee, #78, is always so generous and helps keep me posted about the Mabee Farm. She told us about many activities at the farm that are of interest to all of us, whether we are from that branch of the family or not. The Mabee Farm will soon have two barns. The Nilson barn is located about 15 to 20 miles away and although it was purchased for \$1, the cost of dismantling, moving and then putting it back together again may cost as much as \$100,000 dollars. The other barn is the MabeeBradt barn. It has already been dismantled. It was on a piece of property repossessed by Key Bank. The bank generously donated it to the Mabee Farm Committee. Another exciting donation to the Mabee Farm is from The Hall of Electrical History. That organization is merging on January 1<sup>st</sup> with the Schenectady Museum and farm implements and artifacts will go to the farm. Several dignitaries from the Holland and Netherland Society attended a brunch at the farm. There is discussion about having a simulated Dutch Wedding at the Farm in June of 1998. Kim is also busy with several other activities including A Colonial Festival, which will be held the first

week in February, commemoration of The Massacre on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. Amanda and Jonathan continue to excel in sports and when I chatted with Kim, Jonathan's team was ranked sixth in the Country. The team has been winning since then, and may be getting even closer to #1. Gary had surgery for a rotator cuff, and although still experiencing pain from it, he is much improved

## NEW YORK THROUGH THE EYES OF A GENEALOGIST

"Last September I was in New York City and went down to the financial section one Sunday afternoon. I stood on the steps of the Old Federal building across from the Stock Exchange and wondered what it was like when our ancestors lived there." ... Frances M. Thomas, #30

## MARRIAGES OF EUROPEAN MEN AND MOHAWK WOMEN IN NEW NETHERLAND AND NEW YORK

Our member, Charles C. Stoodley #147, is preparing a report on the marriage of early settlers to the members of the Mohawk Nation. He would welcome any collaborators. If you are interested, contact him at:

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## HAUSER OR HOUSER

"I would be very interested in any information, reference material or contact people for Katherine Houser or Hauser who reputedly was the wife of my ancestor John (Johannes) Mabee c1749-1817, a member of the Butler Rangers during the Revolutionary War. "

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## .CINDY HAS A MABIE HOME PAGE

Tom and Cindy Bryant have long been advocates of using the latest electronic technology. They have done research using the CD-ROM drive on their computer, they have captured beautiful photographs of family members and saved these to disks and they have used the Internet for communicating and searching. (Cindy's e-mail address is [cbryant@qtm.net](mailto:cbryant@qtm.net)) Now, as if that were not enough, Cindy has her own home pages for Koutz, Christlieb, and Mabie families. For a real treat, visit her Jeremiah Mabie page at [www.qtm.net/~cbryant/mabie.html](http://www.qtm.net/~cbryant/mabie.html) where you will find genealogical information, pictures of family buildings and links to other families.



WILFRED J. MABEE # 195  
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Wilfred has done extensive work on all of the lines in his family tree. His Mabee line has been in New Jersey for generations as has his Mother's line, the Francisco/Sisco family.

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Ted was interested in his family and so called Jean Siebarth, the town historian in Maybee, Michigan, Jean referred him to Belva at the Maybee Society office and I referred him to Cindy Bryant. Cindy was not only able to connect him in with the proper line, she was able to solve a problem that she has been working on for some time. Harriet Sophia Maybee, Ted's Maternal grandmother, is sister to Tom and Cindy's Joel Wesley Mabee. To learn more about Joel, see some of our earlier newsletters or visit Cindy's website, [www.qtm.net/~cbryant/](http://www.qtm.net/~cbryant/)

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**EDEN & MARY (UTTER) MABEE**

Wilfred J. Mabee is interested in learning more about Eden and Mary (Utter) Mabee. He does know that Eden was born ca. 1786 in New Jersey; they were married July 22, 1815, in Bergen Co., New Jersey, and Eden died between 1862 & 1863 in Vernon, Sussex, NJ. Mary Utter was born April 6, 1786, in New Jersey and died Oct. 14, 1855, in Vernon, New Jersey. Both Eden and Mary were buried at the Moshure Cemetery in Vernon township, New Jersey. They had 6 children: John born 1816, Collins B. born ca. 1820, Robert M. born 1829, Hannah, Sarah & Rebecca. If you have any further information about this family contact:

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**ANOTHER LEAF ON THE MABIE FAMILY TREE**

Sarah & Laura Marion joyfully announce the birth of their brother, Peyton Donaldson Marion, who was born September 20, 1996. Peyton, Sarah and Laura are the children of Douglas and Susan Marion, #120.

**OUR PRESIDENT COMMENDS YOU**

Our President, John A. Maybee, expresses a sincere "Thank You" to all who faithfully pay their dues, and also to those who went the extra mile, and contributed to the Mabee Farm Committee.



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