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**PAUL M. TURNEURE, Member #7**  
"Yakima, WA –Paul M. Turneure, 88, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Thursday March 6, 1997.

Paul was born in Yakima, Washington on August 11, 1908, to Clifton Bradley Turneure and Edith L. (Miltimore) Turneure. He was raised and received his education in Yakima, graduating from Yakima High School and Yakima Valley College.

On September 7, 1935, he was married to Vivien Cleman in Yakima. Paul was a civil engineer, employed by the Bureau of Reclamation for thirty-one years until he retired in 1970.

Paul was an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. He was Secretary-Treasurer of the Yakima Engineers Club for many years. He made the maps displayed on the covers of the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Quarterly Bulletins for eighteen years. He was also a member, until recently, of the American Guild of Organists. He served as a Boy Scout leader for many years and was a charter member of the Yakima Amateur Radio Club.

Survivors include his wife, Vivien Turneure of Yakima; two daughters, Elizabeth Ann Shoemaker and husband, Bernard, of Kennewick, Washington, and Dorothy Jean Morales of Yakima; one son, John Paul Turneure and wife Brigitte of Palo Alto, California; six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. ..."

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 22, 1997, at 3:00 P.M. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Vivien explained that the service was postponed so that their son, John, who had a quadruple bypass surgery before Paul's stroke, would be well enough to attend. Paul is closely related by family and friendship to many members of the Maybee Society and when Alice McDowell, #6, provided us with a *Compendium of the Descendants of Reverend Daniel Mabie*, Paul prepared an index for it. We extend our sympathy to Vivien and the other family members, at this time of separation.

## AREA CODE CHANGES

Across the country area codes are changing. **One change is our phone number at the Central Office; it is no longer preceded by 206, but is 425-337-1369.**

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425-337-1369	
BARBARA CARTER	#03
425-710-0289	
BRET PERRY	#86
425-338-3469	
BYRON PERRY	#83
425-337-1369	
DELORES BRENNER	#101
914-639-5996	
MARY LOU SMITH	#77
320-329-3215	

## ARE YOUR LISTS BECOMING OBSOLETE?

If you would like a current list of e-mail addresses, just drop me a line. No charge. If you would like a list of members with addresses, phone, fax, and e-mail address (if we have them), just send us \$1 to cover costs. If you would like a list of members with addresses, etc. and ancestry, please send \$3. (It is now over 25 pages). **OR**, you can request, at no cost, any of the above lists by e-mail from Bret Perry at [bretly@gte.net](mailto:bretly@gte.net) Belva

**OH OH !!**

Sorry about those errors. Among some of the more glaring errors are: (1) Calling George W. Maybee, #116, George Martin under George Maybee's picture in the newsletter #15, p. 6. (2) Showing a picture of the very much alive George W. Mabie with the story of the death of Ted Mabie in issue #25, p. 2. (3) Calling our bride Shawna, #125, Mrs. Gossard when her new husband is Troy Gordon. Her mother's name is Gossard. (4) Incorrectly identifying some of those in attendance at the Mabee Gala. Besides these errors, I am certain there were others. Please correct us on mistakes which make a difference. We will be happy to show the changes.

**JOHN LABARRE IS LOOKING FOR FURTHER  
INFORMATION ON ALONZO COURTNEY  
QUACKENBUSH MABEE.**

John, #212, would appreciate learning more about his ancestor, Alonzo Courtney Quackenbush Mabee. Alonzo was born January 19, 1829, in Montgomery County, NY. On July 5, 1852, at Hastings-On-The Hudson, NY, he married Mary Ann Garry. Mary Ann was born December 25, 1829, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Alonzo died June 21, 1900, and Mary Ann died June 12, 1911. Both buried at White Plains, NY. Alonzo and Mary Ann had three children: Wilber Norton Mabee, Sr., b. 1857; Carrie E. Mabee, b. Jan 14 1862 and Emma Mabee. If you can help John, write him at:  
JOHN LA BARRE #212  
390 MILLWOOD RD.  
CHAPPAQUA, NY 10514

**THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY**

Alice McDowell, #6, advises us, "If you can document your descent from Pieter Casparszen Van Naarden (Pierre Gaspard Mabile) the immigrant to America in 1623, you may be eligible for membership in the Huguenot Society. For information write to:  
MR. BENJAMIN F. DAKE III, REGISTRAR  
THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF OREGON  
1267 MANZANITA WAY, N.E.  
KEIZER, OREGON 97303-3546"

Recently, Pat Burke, a correspondent of Ross Mabey, #202, sent us two other Huguenot Society Addresses:

HUGUENOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
PO BOX 339  
NEW PALTZ, NY 12561-0339  
TIMOTHY F. HARLEY, DIRECTOR  
PHONE: 914-255-1660

HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN  
HUGUENOT LIBRARY  
UNIV. COLL.  
GOWER ST.  
LONDON, WC1E 6BT, ENGLAND  
MARY BAYLISS, HON. SEC.  
PHONE: 44 171 3807094  
Misc: Founded 1885, dues £15 per year, 4,000 books, periodicals and archival material, publications.

**HOW HOT IS HOT?**

As we returned from the reunion in Florida, we felt we had been in some warm weather until we received a note from Ross Mabey, #202 in Australia. He told us the weather there recently has been 40C (105F) and the main concern was brush fires.

**DE BRENNER DID IT AGAIN !!**

Reunions of the Mabee Mabie Maybee family in Florida have become a regular affair, and, after reading and hearing glowing descriptions of the events, my husband, Bob; my brother, Bill; his wife, Zina, and I decided to cross the country to see for ourselves. We were not disappointed. Our hostess at the Kingsway Country Club, Port Charlotte, Florida, was De Brenner, #101, and she had carefully crafted each detail. Even maps were sent out in advance to guide those of us, who were strangers to the area. We entered a beautifully decorated dining room. De had paid careful attention to the tables, and, to honor the season she had made panoramic sugar eggs as table decorations. For each participant she had prepared a special souvenir booklet giving the names, ancestries and relationships of those in attendance. On the cover of the booklet was a photo of the painting, *The Mabie Children*, which is now the property of the National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. De not only had made copies of the photograph for all of those of us there (there were over 50 in attendance) but she had searched and researched to help us understand the painting, the artist, the donor, and the children who were portrayed. Also in the booklet was a tribute to Sour Dough Jack Mabee. Just before his death, he fulfilled his dream of attending the reunion, seeing the Mabee Farm and visiting friends on the East Coast.

After a greeting from De, the staff served each of us our choice of Chicken Cardonay, broiled salmon or prime rib. The celebration included fellowship, family friendships and food. Members told a little about themselves and their branches of the family. It was so exciting to meet so many with whom I have been corresponding. De also had made arrangements for a "sharing table" where items of the interest were displayed including photos of ancestors, documents from the various branches of the family, books by Hamilton Wright Mabie and genealogies. Also of interest were enlargements of the faces of the children from the painting, *The Mabie Children*. How similar they are to faces of some Mabie children today.

I lingered long over this table, and wished I could carry some of the materials home to share with you. You will be happy to know that wishes do come true. Several had brought me copies of their treasures. On display were Royal A Mabee's notebooks, including a compilation of family records, entitled *The French Huguenot Mabile Family and Its Mabie, Mabee, Maybee Descendants* and also *Mabile Family Scrap Book*, a scrapbook with pictures of the family members, (some unidentified) localities, and clippings. To my great delight, Royal's daughter, Joyce Fisher, said that we might bring them here to the Maybee Society Central Office. My brother John D. MayBee, #8, came to my home from California and spent his vacation helping me record some of the information. Our President, Jack, has made a partial index. When I am able to finish preparing the information for searching, I will let you know.

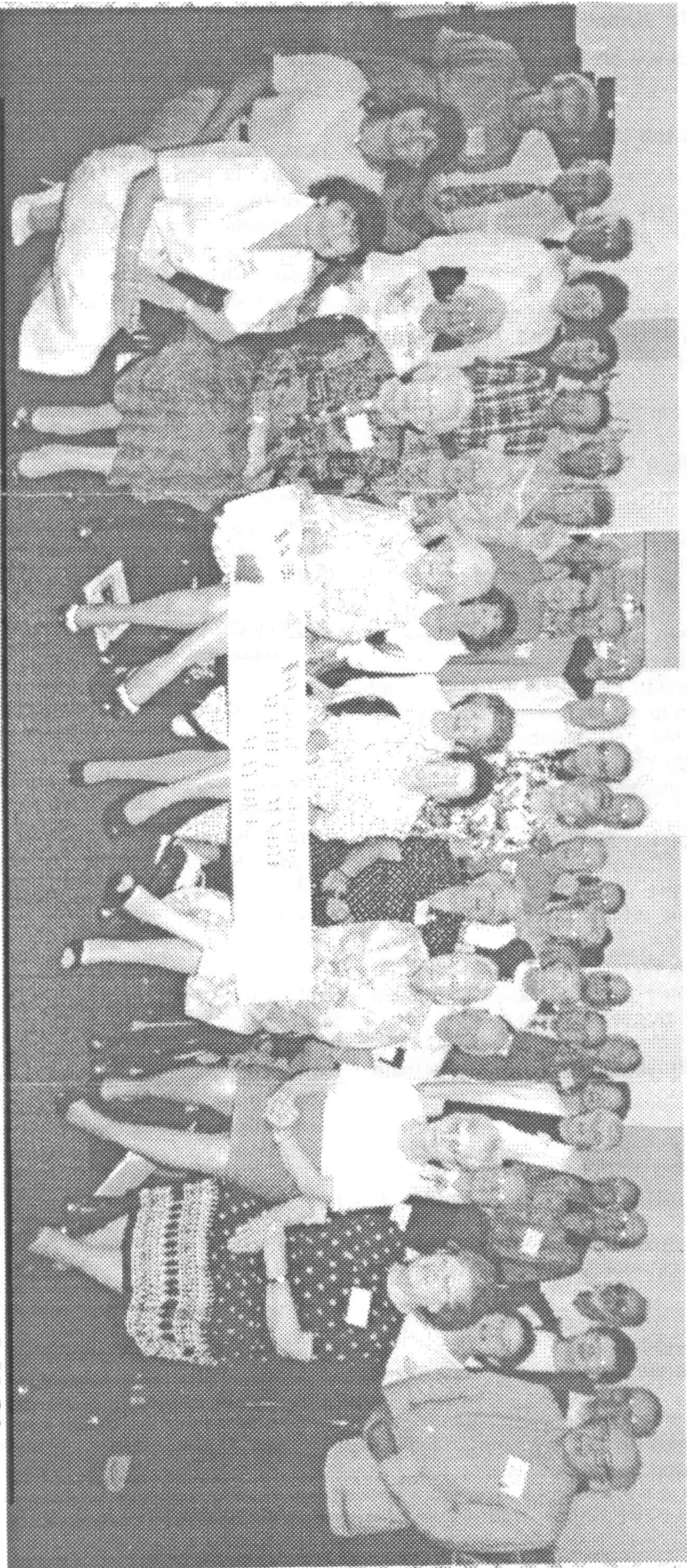


# MABEE MABIE MAYBEE

Family Celebration

8 March 1997

Kingsway Country Club  
Port Charlotte Florida



Attendees Back Row (4th) L to R: Willard Maybee, Robert Jarboe, Marie Jarboe, Earl Mabie, Gordon Mabie, George Mabie, Doug Maybee, George Franoher, Russ Hasfner, Woodrow Blakely, Bill Maybee, Floyd Mabie, Ralph J Mabie, Marianne Mabie, Ken Bradt, Bill Fishen, Bob Perry.

3rd R: Marisle Maybee, Marilyn Greenham, Jack Boorsma, Shirley Mabie, Betty Mabie, Ellis Schneek, Jim Schneek, Dorothy Mabie, Grace Mabie, Martin Mabie, Joyce Fishen, Bob Erstad, Belva Perry, Jack A. Maybee.

2nd R: Rita Evandt, Marietta Mabie, Elizabeth Maybee, Brenda Rothwell, Francine Hasfner, Marion Erstad, Oliver Mabie, Chuck Galutia, Zina Maybee.  
1st R: De Brenner, Margaret Mabie, Jeanette Caga, Liz Boorsma, Mary Maybee, Barbara Galutes, Ardene Galutia.

Attendees not photographed: Ms Lee Barlow, Lawrence Burt Jr., wife, PEGGY, children, Kristin, Lawrence III, and Mother, Mary Burt.

## WHAT A GLORIOUS SUMMER LIES AHEAD

Two outstanding reunions will be held this summer just one month apart.

### Reunion at the Mabee Farm

Friday, July 18

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Informal get acquainted evening - serving wine and cheese at the Mabee Farm House. Cost, \$5 per person.

Saturday, July 19

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.- At the Schenectady County Historical Society, Elsie Maddeus, Archivist and Librarian will introduce us to some of the materials relating to our family history.

12:00 noon - A catered family picnic held at the farm. We will be joined there by "The Friends of the Mabee Farm." Cost \$15 per person.

Sunday, July 20

In the Morning: You may wish to attend a church of your Faith, visit the Dutch Reformed Church where members of our family have attended for 300 years, or, take a walking tour of the Stockade.

1:00 to 4:00 p.m. - There will be a boat cruise, (if enough of the family is interested). Cost, \$15 per person or more depending on the number of participants.

The committee has made every effort to send information on the reunion to all members of the Mabee Society, including a list of nearby hotels and campground. If you have not received a packet from them, and are interested, please contact us immediately.

### The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Mabee Brothers Circus

A tentative schedule of the anniversary of the Mabee Brothers Circus, in Delavan, Wisconsin is as follows:

Monday, August 18

8:30 a.m. - Raising of the Franzen Brothers Circus Big Top at the Geneva Lakes Kennel Club (GLKC). circus grounds. Free conducted tour of the menagerie.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Children's clown make up at GLKC.

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Performances by Franzen Brothers Circus at GLKC grounds

Tuesday, August 19.

10:00 a.m. - Conducted tour, by W. Gordon Yadon, of Circus burial lots in Spring Grove Cemetery. Special ceremony at grave of Edmund F. Mabee. Assemble at mausoleum at cemetery entrance.

Noon - Circus Sesquicentennial luncheon at Delavan Inn Hotel. Remarks by several Circus historians and Delavan's Mayor.

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Free elephant rides in Tower Park, in front of replica of Romeo.

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Performances by Franzen Brothers Circus at GLKC grounds

Sharon Sova, #188 provided us with the above information; for further information you may wish to contact her or Mr. W. Gordon Yadon.

MR. GORDON YADON

P. O. BOX 1

DELAVAN, WI 53115

## MABEE FAMILY PAPERS

By Barbara Wylie, as reported in the Schenectady County Historical Society Newsletter.

"*The Mabee Family Papers*, a part of George Franchere's gift to the Schenectady County Historical Society, comprises almost 600 items. This collection includes deeds, wills, letters, inventories, legal documents of many kinds, bills for sale of slaves, and receipts for a wide variety of purchases. The existence of this collection of family papers will be an invaluable aid to the Society as we work to develop interpretive programs for the farm. It is the personal stories, the vignettes from the lives of those who lived at the farm, that bring history to life. These stories are the implements that we will use to transform the farm into a living history museum.

The collection has been microfilmed, making it readily available to anyone interested in learning more about the Mabee family and farm. The Microfilm and a finding aid *An Introduction to the Mabee Family Papers*, are located in the Gremms-Doolittle Library at the (Schenectady County Historical) Society."

### \$50,000 CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MABEE FARM

by Barbara Wylie

(As printed in the Schenectady County Historical Society Newsletter)

"New York State, through its Environmental Protection Fund, has awarded a \$50,000 matching grant to the Schenectady County Historical Society for work at the Mabee Farm. What an extraordinary opportunity we now have to move ahead with our vision of a vibrant farm museum, with its unique buildings returned to their original strength and beauty.

This opportunity, however, comes with a tremendous challenge. In order to receive the entire \$50,000 from the state, the Society must raise the matching amount. The Friends of the Mabee Farm membership drive has given us a firm foundation of funds to build on, but a foundation is just that, a beginning. We need to raise many more dollars to match this grant.

This funding opportunity comes at a critical time. We must accomplish certain basic tasks in order for the Mabee Farm project to move forward. The three existing buildings desperately need stabilization and repair. To continue eligibility for additional grant funding, we must publish an Historic Structure Report. In addition, we must complete an archaeological survey before the ground is disturbed by any construction work. The cost of these crucial steps is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

The challenge is great. Our ability to meet the challenge of this \$50,000 grant will determine whether the Mabee Farm project moves forward in a timely manner or languishes, risking further deterioration of these extraordinary buildings. Surely this challenge is worth our best efforts."



## BETHSHEBA MAIBEE

Through the Internet, Cindy Bryant learned that Susan Godlewski has been searching for, and trying to identify, the family of her grandmother's grandmother, Charlotte Louseberry/Lounsbury Hayes (1834 NY - 1909 NY). Charlotte's death record in Peekskill, NY, lists her parents as Abraham Lockwood of NY and Maria Lounsbury of NY. The Couch Files at the Field Library in Peekskill, NY, lists the ten children family of John Lockwood (b. 1771) of Putnam Valley, NY, who married Bethsheba Maibee. Their son Abraham married a Lounsbury. The Couch files did not list the children of this marriage. Susan therefore has asked us to publish this query. "I am seeking information on Bethsheba /Bathsheba Mabie, wife of John Lockwood (b. ca. 1771, NY) of Putnam Valley, NY, and on her father, Abraham Maibee of Yorktown, NY. I am seeking information on two possible candidates for her father:

Abraham Mabie (b. 1763, Carmel, NY), son of Abraham and Sarah (Gates) Mabie, married Content Ellis. This couple had five children, including a daughter, born ca. 1790/1800 according to the book, 6000 New York Ancestors: a *Compendium of Mabie Research* by R. Robert Mutrie, (#23). There is no information on the name of this child. I would like to identify this girl.

Abraham Mabie, (christened Oct. 17, 1732, in Sleepy Hollow Church), son of Jeremias (AKA Jeremyas/Jeremyah, Maby/Mebie/Meebi/Mabee) and his second wife, Annatie Van Amburgh Brower, according to information in the Couch Files in the Field Library, Peekskill, NY. No other information has been found. I would like to identify his spouse and children, if any."

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### FRANK HOWARD MABIE 1923-1997

On March 6, 1997, Frank Howard Mabie passed away. Frank, the son of Elmer Herbert Mabie and Mary Washington Shillito, was born Nov. 19, 1923, at South Valley, New York. He was the father of six children. He is a descendant of William Mabie and Sophia Scripture.

Frank's sister, Luella (Mabie) Brodie shared the following information with us -- "He had been bad for quite awhile. He was in the hospital for a week or so and then came home. His children took care of him. He was on oxygen when he got home. He was 73 this past November 19<sup>th</sup>. He has been suffering for many years with only part of a lung. He was deaf, which made it hard for him, so he didn't go places very often. He was in the army in the 40's and 50's. He was stationed in Germany, Wisconsin and other states. He had pneumonia there and it left him with bad lungs."

### NO LONGER A BED AND BREAKFAST

We recently printed a "Must See" list, telling you about the Jeremiah Mabie Bed and Breakfast on Walworth St. in Delavan, Wisconsin. It has been sold and is now a private residence.

## WATER WATER EVERYWHERE

Bianca Krall, #82, and her family had the experience of being flooded by the excess of water in the Pacific Northwest. At one point, the water exceeded nine feet in the back yard and three feet in the front. For several weeks the only access to the house was by wading or carefully trudging down a narrow bridge constructed by her husband, Kevin. To make matters worse, she attended a meeting at the Courthouse to discuss the water problems and they turned the down the building's lights before she left. In the dim light, she fell on the stairs and badly sprained an ankle, making the trip down their 6 inch by 100 foot bridge, on crutches, impossible. She would have been a prisoner in her home, but her husband carried her in and out; and a neighbor towed Bianca and children in and out house by boat. For a while they were forced to move away from their home. In April, the water became so high that the temporary bridge floated away. This time, friends replaced it with a sturdier bridge. The water is slowly receding.



### BRADT REUNION

The Bradt reunion will be held one week after the Mabee Reunion in Rotterdam, NY. The guests will also tour the Mabee Farm House. The reunion will be held at the Desmond Inn.

### CAN THIS HELP YOU?

Roma Dodds writes "I came across a letter written by Royal A. Mabee to my mother (Mrs. K. Earle Haines nee Clara M. Mabee), May 1, 1959. It seems that she sent him details on the family of Harry Mabie and his sisters and he said that he had added them to the proper chart. Would you have those details by any chance? I have a lovely photo of Harry and his sisters. I think that they were my grandfather, Randolph's cousins. Harry is a son of John (?) and there is Ronald and his daughter, Gertrude, in connection with them and also a George (about 94 in 1959). Royal's letters say William's father was Thomas -- wife Matilda Hood. I remember Earl Mabee of St. John, NB, Canada who was my Mum's cousin and possibly the only son of Watson M." If you recognize these members of the family, contact:  
MRS. RAYMOND DODDS #189  
24 GRANDVIEW DR.  
DARTMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA  
B2W 1X5 CANADA

## THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME



We had a fun time becoming acquainted with Maxine M. Smith, #183, last July at the reunion in Utah. She writes, "In September. I went to Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Estonia and Russia. It was a great trip, but every time I come back to the U.S. the Statue of Liberty looks better and better."

### GENEALOGIES OF THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND MABEYS

Patrick Burke, an avid genealogist and correspondent (by e-mail) of Ross Mabey, #202, shared the following information with us and has asked for our help.

"The genealogies of the Prince Edward Island (PEI), Canada. Mabeys is given in some detail in *An Island Refuge (AIR)* edited by Orlo Jones and Doris Haslam and published by the Abegweit Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada in 1983. This is a great source for the genealogies of Loyalist families of PEI although complete documentation is not given. George Mabey appears on pp. 171-174. I can transcribe a bit of this reference for you here:

'George Mabey (b. ca. 1755, apparently in Dorsetshire, England) was in New York prior to the Revolution based on the report that he was in the 17th Regiment of Light Dragoons in New York during November 1776. His name first appears in the Musters of the regiment on 1 Feb 1777, listing him as a private in Captain Elliston's company. During the next four years he received a number of promotions and transfers: on August 5, 1777, he was promoted to corporal in Major Crewe's company; on July 18, 1780, he was transferred to Captain Talbot's company; and on January 16, 1781, he was promoted to sergeant in the Colonel's company. The final appearance of his name was on the Musters in July 29, 1783. He next appears in PEI as a Loyalist settler with his wife in Bedeque, PEI (Lot 19) and they were granted 200 acres in Lot 26. His wife Mary (b. ca. 1760, d. 1837) is believed to have been nee Hamilton (I have wondered if she was connected to the Alexander Hamilton) but this has not been documented to my knowledge. George and Mary later moved to Charlottetown, PEI, sometime before 1801. George was a road overseer for Lot 25-29 and was appointed adjutant to Shuttleworth's Foresters. He also was granted a tavern license in Charlottetown in 1798. George died on 4 Mar 1848. Both he and Mary are buried in the Elm Ave. Cemetery in Charlottetown. George and Mary probably had twelve children. Only ten are given in *AIR*. I am a descendant of their son Cornelius Mabey (1792-1880) and his wife Mary Maria Sentner (1799-1887). The latter couple had ten children. My ancestor, born to this couple was George Mabey (1833-?; *AIR* says b. 1821) who married Martha Gass (b. ?, d. ?). The fate of George and Martha is unknown, but they may have died relatively young as my great grandmother, their daughter Mary Stukely Mabey, was reported to have been an orphan. Mary S. Mabey was b. in 1859 on PEI and died in 1934 in Portland, OR. She and her husband, John Edward Burke (1860-1946), my great grandfather, came

to Portland in 1883 with John's parents and his siblings. My connection with the Mabey family ends with Mary S. Mabey.

That is a thumbnail sketch of what I know. The major puzzles to solve from my point of view are: (1) Where was George Mabey actually born in England and who were his ancestors? (2) Was George's wife's surname Hamilton or something else? Where were they married? New York? (3) Was George related to the Mabey family (ies) in New England prior to the Revolution? (4) What was the fate of George Mabey (b. 1833) and Martha Gass? When did they die? Where are they buried? (5) How are the Mabeys or Hamiltons connected to the Stukely/Stukley family of England, if at all?

Belva, if you could shed any light on these puzzles, I would be grateful. And let me know if I can be of help to you or your members. I will do my best to answer any questions you or they may have on my branch of the Mabeys." PATRICK L. BURKE  
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### A NOTE FROM MARION TAIT #114

"We have had a busy winter. On January 6<sup>th</sup> I agreed to speak at the Haldimand Branch Ontario Genealogical Society on how I found my Mayflower ancestors - a complete surprise to me in 1973. After I had made arrangements for the 6<sup>th</sup>, we learned that my husband would have to be in London University Hospital on the 7<sup>th</sup> for surgery on the 8<sup>th</sup>. London is a 2 ½ hr. drive, and is in the snow belt area, so we had winter weather to deal with as well. That took care of January.

In February I had a very bad cold - fortunately not the flu. I had two projects I wanted to do this winter, both of which are still not finished. I am planning to join the D.A.R. since two of my ancestors, Captain Nathan Snow and James Gloyd, were both Minutemen and soldiers in the American Revolution. I have all of the documents, since both lines take me back to the Mayflower. I also plan to join the Alden Kindred of America. These will be spring projects now! When I have these projects completed, I want to get back to my U.E.L. lines. I have 15 loyalist ancestors, eight of whom were Butler's Rangers. I would like Certificates for as many as I can, so that our family will be documented! So far, I only have John Secord Sr.

In April we go back to London, and in May my husband has to see his eye doctor and have a cataract removed. I also agreed to speak at the Norfolk Branch OGS meeting. I'm not a speaker as such, but they assured me it was a small group. I guess The Mayflower is one of my favorite subjects."

### TALLMANS BURIED IN SPRING GROVE CEMETERY, DELAVAN, WISCONSIN

Jon A. von Briesen, #213, tells us that not only many Mabies and other Circus people are in the Spring Grove Cemetery, in Delavan, Wisconsin, but it also is the resting place of Charles Benson Tallman and his two wives. Jon and his brother, Ernst Theodore von Briesen, visited the cemetery last August.



## STUART-MAYBEE WEDDING



"Scott Allan Maybee was married to Jennifer Leigh Stuart on November 8, 1996. The ceremony was held at the Berwin United Methodist Church in Berwin, Pennsylvania. (The same church where Jennifer's parents, now of Farmingdale Maine, were married.) Jen and Scott are living in Norristown, Pennsylvania. Scott is a department manager for Home Depot and Jen is a juvenile probation officer for Chester County. Both sets of parents could not be happier for them." Scott is the son of Joan and Allan Maybee, #72.

### SEARCHING FOR HARRY MAYBEE OF ENGLAND

"Seeking information on my seven times great grandfather, Harry Maybee. He was born circa 1720, possibly in Hants, or Dorset, England. August 3, 1742 (St. Mary's, Portsea, Hants, England), he married Hannah Martin. It is believed that Harry died in Portsea, in late July of 1776. Their son, John Maybee (bapt. Sep. 2, 1744; St. Mary's Portsea), was my six times great grandfather. The Maybee family remained in and about Portsea for a number of generations, but by the early/mid 1800's they had settled in Kent (Sheerness and Chatham), England. The Maybees were involved with work to do with the sea, although Harry Maybee (1720) was a tailor. The generations after John Maybee (1744-1816) include the following: Harry Maybee (1776-????), Samuel Robert Maybee (1804-1885); Samuel Robert Maybee, Jr. (1830-1890) and Elizabeth Mary Maybee (1848-1932; she married John Clarke, in 1865; they lived in Chatham, Kent). Elizabeth Mary (Maybee) Clarke was my paternal grandmother's paternal grandmother. I would be most interested to hear from anyone who has done research into the English branch of the Maybee family." Robert M. "Bob" Hayes:

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### NEW ADDRESSES

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SHAWNA & TROY GORDON #125  
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We are excited to report that they are looking forward to another member of the family in September.

### NEW MEMBERS

DONALD R. ACHESON #132  
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BURKBURNETT, TEXAS 76354-3019

Donald, the nephew of Will Croff, is an experienced researcher. He will be identified by his uncle's Maybee Society number. William J. Croff died of congestive heart failure on November 22, 1996. Donald and Will are descendants of Betsy Maybee, born Belleville, Ontario, Canada, March 12, 1792, and her husband William Compton, born Yorkshire, England, March 12, 1791.

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John wrote, "My great-grandfather, Albert (1840 - farmer/stockman) came from England in 1857 when he was 17 years old. He came with his parents, Thomas and Esther (Chalker) Mabey and his brothers and sisters. Thomas was also a farmer/sheepman. He was born in Mapperton, Beaminster District, Dorset. The three generations were also born in the Mapperton area. As best as we can tell, the Mabeys lived on or around the Mapperton Estate, part of the estate of Lord Sandwich. In fact, when I visited Mapperton this past October, there was a Lady Sandwich living in the Mapperton Mansion."



Albert Mabey

J. RALPH MABIE #209  
SUITE 802, COMEAU BLDG.  
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J. Ralph Mabie was introduced to the Maybee Society by his sister-in-law, Marianne Mabie, #165. He accompanied her to the Florida reunion where we all had the opportunity of becoming better acquainted.

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Lefferts Mabie, the third, is a lawyer like his father. He is the son of Lefferts Lamont Mabie, II, now deceased and Marianne Smith Mabie, #165. His Mom is very proud of him and signed him up as a member of the Maybee Society.

MARGARETE M. MABIE #211  
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Margarete, named after her paternal grandmother, is a teacher. She has a daughter in the sixth grade (soon to be in the seventh) named Charlotte. We would like to welcome them as members of the Maybee Society.

JOHN LA BARRE #212  
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John heard about us in a rather round about way. A friend at work receives the *Bradt Family News* and called John's attention to a page featuring information about the Maybee Society. John called Carleton Mabee, who put him in touch with us. We are pleased to have John as a member. At one time he lived in Everett, Washington, but he had to cross the country before he learned of the repository here for Mabee information.

JERI L. POWELL #126  
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Not a new member, but a returning one is Jeri L. Powell (formerly Jeri R. Gee). Her ancestry is: Betty Jean Mabey, 1924 & James Clyde Smallwood; Sidney Walter Mabey, 1893 & Blanche Irene Wilson; Walter Leroy Mabey, 1850 & Minerva Lucinda Marshall; Lewis Mabey, 1798 & Emma Marshall; Stephen G. Mabey, 1760 & Abigail Penny; Abraham Mabee III, 1727 & Sarah Gates; Abraham Mabee II 1705 & Sylvia Coquillet; Casparus Pietersen Mabee, 1660 & Elizabeth Schuermans; Pieter Casparszen Mabee AKA van Naerden.

JON A. VON BRIESEN #213  
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Jon learned about the Maybee Society from Marion McDonald, #13. Jon is an avid genealogist and tells us, "I take great delight in receiving a reply to any of my queries in a genealogical quest." He is descended from Reverend Daniel Mabee and Rachel Booth, through their daughter, Esther Mabee and her husband, Charles Tallman. He also told us a little more about himself. "I am ... 47 years old. I work at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant (they don't let me near any of the important switches), on the New Jersey shore. I have one child, a daughter of 16, who is at a Friends' boarding school in Bucks Co., PA. This is, happily, just 60+ miles away. I am most pleased to have the able assistance of my older brother in looking into my maternal lines. A few years ago, I'm not sure that I could have torn him away from von Briesen research. (Our charmed visit to the Mabee Tavern last fall should go a long way to securing this enthusiasm.) I spend a lot of time with the local first

aid squad, as an officer and as an EMT; and I am 'Musical Instructor' with a relatively new Emerald Society Pipes and Drum corps. (I am a 'seasoned beginner' on the Highland bag pipes and more seasoned than anyone else easily found around here.) I have quite a list of historical mysteries, on all sides of my family tree. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to visit the Briesen ancestral lands, now in Poland and eastern Germany, in 1990, as the border between East and West Germany was opening. We visited the



scenes of the executions of our notorious 'robber-knight' ancestors of the 15th C. My brother and I are thinking of returning to that region in 1998, which we are treating as the 700th anniversary of the family. (We have a transcription of a letter of enfeoffment from the Margraves of Brandenburg, who in 1298, granted lands to a Johann Block von Blockstorff. Among the witnesses signing was the knight, Christian v. Briesen. There are sources which name him as progenitor of the family, but we really have no proof.) I am an enthusiastic student of heraldry and hope to converse with those like-minded among your membership. Your newsletter has saved me the task of researching the *Armorial Generale de France*, for Mabelle arms, an item hard to come by in these woods. Every year, or so, Barnes and Noble's mail-order catalog features a new, or new reprint of a work on this subject. Whether or not I need it, I buy it to keep the stream flowing. I would love to know how many (few) others buy these titles."

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We met Marion at the Florida reunion and were pleased to have her become a member of the Maybee Society. She is descended from William Mabee and Sophia Scripture through their son, James Dana Mabee and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Sullivan.

#### OTHER CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

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