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## THE MABIE CHILDREN

Anita Kay Brooks, #263, writes, "A couple of years ago, I went to an Art and Frame shop and inquired about *The Mabie Children*. They looked it up in some catalog, and ordered me a print of the painting. I have wanted a print of this over fifteen years. It was priced very reasonably, at under \$40. It is magnificent, about 40 inches by 36 inches, the colors are great and the subject matter is priceless to me.

Now, what I want to share with everyone is: I just stumbled across a great way for people to view or order a print of the *Mabie Children* painting on the Internet. I was surfing the Net and came across an online Art and Frame Gallery. You can search for paintings and, if available, it will bring a picture of it up for you to preview. The quality of this small preview on the Internet is not the greatest but it certainly is a good way to at least see what it looks like. You can then order a print if you like. The web site address I found this at is [www.artuframe.com](http://www.artuframe.com). I hope this will be of interest and enjoyment to the Society of Maybee/Mabie's, and various spellings."



Note: The web-site [www.artuframe.com](http://www.artuframe.com) is now [www.art.com](http://www.art.com). I had a little difficulty finding it under "The Mabie Children" but it can be found by going to the category, "Children" first and then searching for it. The catalog number is BT1002890 and the picture is 30" by 24". We are certainly grateful that Anita shared the information with us. BMP

## WELCOME KATHLEEN TAYLOR McCAULLEY

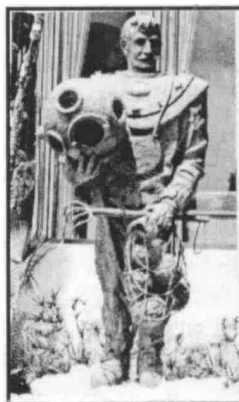
"A new Mabie descendant is Kathleen Taylor McCaulley, born Jan 11, 1999, Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada. Kathleen's mother is Beverly Flanagan from the Harriet Mabie Flanagan family." From Cindy Bryant, #49.

## DUES ARE NOW DUE

If you have not paid your dues (\$10) in the last 12 months, they are now due.

## FLORIDA REUNION TO BE HELD MARCH 13, 1999

The annual Florida Reunion for all branches of the Mabie family will be held at Pappa's Restaurant at Tarpon Springs, Florida, Saturday, March 13, 1999, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon, but you should plan on being there by 11 a.m. Margaret Mabie will be the hostess; contact her to make reservations:



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## ESTHER NESS CONTINUES TO BE BUSY

"The years continue to roll by faster and faster. I've now reached 96 1/2 years. The delightful part of it is that I keep enjoying bridge and work for the Orthopedic and the Garden Club." #5  
*Esther Ness*

## WILLIAM AND CARRY (PALMER) MABEE

"By writing to the National Archives, I did get lots of information concerning my great grandparents, William and Carrie (Palmer) Mabee. I have also, found a third cousin who lives in Michigan and who has given me much help." Sandy Kunkel, #231

## TREASURED TIDBITS

We frequently receive information by members of general interest or of branches other than their own, here are some of those "Treasured Tidbits".

### **The New Amsterdam Dutch Reformed Church**

From Susan Godlewski, #253, we learn that the current name of the New Amsterdam Dutch Reformed Church is the Collegiate Church.

### **Metje/Mary van Naerden and Jean Pierrot/Pero**

"I finally found 3 baptisms of Metje Maby's children with John (Jean) Poirot, not in the Reformed Dutch Church records, but, in the records of the FRENCH Church in New York. In all three cases, variations of Meby are used for Metje's surname." Steve Mabie, #257

### **Jonathan Maby and Mary Acreman, Sept. 20, 1748**

From Powerstock and West Milton, Dorset, England parish registers. "bound in parchment, writing clear and good, preservation excellent", from Colin Mabey, #230

### **Jonathan Mabey and Ann Demet, Apr 18, 1770**

Marriages at Mapperton, Dorset, England parish registers; witnesses Mary Tizzard and Elizabeth Pain, from Colin Mabey, #230

### **John Mabey and Eleanor Griffin, Oct 17, 1796**

Marriages at Mapperton, from Colin Mabey, #230

### **Jane Mabey and John Gale, Dec 7, 1814**

Powerstock Parish, Mapperton, Dorset; witnesses

**Thomas Mabey** and Maria Gale, from Colin Mabey, #230

**Abraham Maybee to Felicity Chauvin**, at Wayne Cty, 11 Jan 1843. From Michigan Marriage CD, via Cindy Bryant, #49.

**George Maybee to Lydia Ann Burgess**, at Sanilac Cty, 17 Feb. 1850. From Michigan Marriage CD, via Cindy Bryant, #49.

**Jeanette M. Maybee to Noah W. Houser** at Allegan Cty, 7 Mar. 1883. From Michigan Marriage CD, via Cindy Bryant, #49.

**Mary D. Maybee to Jesse March** at Branch Cty. 6 Nov 1881. From Michigan Marriage CD, via Cindy Bryant, #49.

**Milo Frederick Maybee to Mary Amanda Rufus**, at Sanilac Cty. 11 Jun 1872. From Michigan Marriage CD, via Cindy Bryant, #49.

**Morgan Maybee to Matilda Livonia Fisk** at Allegan Cty. 29 Oct 1855. From Michigan Marriage CD, via Cindy Bryant, #49.

**Munson W. Maybee to Barbara E. March** at Branch Cty. 21 Sep 1883. From Michigan Marriage CD, via Cindy Bryant, #49.

**William Edgar Mabee to Rachel Crapes** at Sanilac Cty. 3 Jul 1866. From Michigan Marriage CD, via Cindy Bryant, #49.

**William R. Maybee to Carrie M. Palmer** at Ionia Cty. 27 Aug. 1882. From Michigan Marriage CD, via Cindy Bryant, #49.

## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

### **GEORGE MABEY AND MARY HAMILTON**

Paul Curtis has a website showing descendants of George Mabey, b. 1756 in Dorsetshire, England and died March 4, 1847 at Prince Edward Island, Canada.

<http://www.isn.net/~dhunter/m>

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### **FRIENDS OF NEW NETHERLAND**

[www.nnp.org](http://www.nnp.org)

### **DORSET, UK RESEARCH**

Here is a website that may be of interest to anyone who is searching for information in Dorset, UK. The Somerset and Dorset Family History Society web address is: [http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/alan\\_j\\_brown/society.htm](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/alan_j_brown/society.htm)

This next web address is how to get Dorset marriages 1538 to 1837. I have not used it. A quote from the page:

"The Dorset Marriage Index is virtually complete except for entries from registers which have been lost, destroyed, not deposited or are illegible for a number of reasons. However where possible these sources have been augmented by checking with Bishops Transcripts, Phillimore's printed transcripts and a number of other sources."

[http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/alan\\_j\\_brown/dormarr.htm](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/alan_j_brown/dormarr.htm)

Regards, Ross Mabey, #202

### **THE SCHENECTADY CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

[www.schist.org](http://www.schist.org)

### **PALATINES TO AMERICA**

Palatines to America is a national genealogical society of persons researching German-speaking ancestors. The society was founded at Columbus, Ohio, in July 1975 and named to honor the immigrants from the Palatinate (Pfalz) region, who were the ancestors of the society's founders. From a nucleus of 47, membership has grown to more than 3,000 members researching German-speaking ancestors from all parts of Europe. The purpose of the society is to promote the study of Germanic immigration to North America, to publish information of general interest, and to provide a means for members to exchange information and share research. Benefits of membership include a quarterly journal *The Palatine Immigrant*, a quarterly newsletter, *The Immigrant Ancestor Register*, the Palatine Library located in the Saylor-Ackermann Hall on the campus of Capital University, an annual convention and meeting, and chapters in the following states: CO, IL, IN, NY, OH, PA, VA, and WV. We learned about the organization from Heritage Book Co. If you have questions or comments about the society, you can contact them directly:

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## ROBERT L. MABY, JR.



"After separating from the Eighth Air Force, of World War II fame, with one Distinguished Flying Cross and four Air Medals plus the usual assortment of service ribbons, Robert returned to college, married one of his students, and, then, learned the nuts and bolts of the oil

business in Oklahoma. It was in Saudi Arabia, however, where he worked and taught for nearly thirty years, that marked his entrance into the international oil scene. While an expatriate, he juggled jobs from geology to petroleum engineering to geophysics and back again to geology for a broader Middle East perspective, and, in the process, gained two more languages for a total of eight.

Initially during his geological career, he examined the entire Arabian sedimentary rock sequence by traveling upslope across the peninsula from the Persian Gulf to the Red Sea Mountains. When the summer heat lessened, he drilled structure and stratigraphic holes for information (not oil) in the great southern desert, the Rub' al-Khali, as well as in northwestern Arabia. Unusual for a geologist, he became a drilling superintendent with the result that the complexity of recovered reservoir rocks sparked an interest in the petrophysics of carbonates that remains with him still.

Soon he was in engineering full time: as a drilling engineer he worked offshore on well completions; as an oilfield production engineer he wrote the definitive company manual on bottom-hole testing; and, as a reservoir engineer he became the company remote-sensing log analyst, and, in this capacity, had a little-known by-passed oil show tested that increased oil reserves by three-billion barrels, proved.

This success propelled him back into geology as head of exploitation where he codified oil-reserve calculations. Later, to better coordinate newly evolving technology, he transferred to geophysics where he supervised the integration of geologic, seismic, gravity and magnetic profiles into one all-inclusive tectonic peninsular grid for a better evaluation of earth history. Eventually, he did return to a geology involving the entire Middle East.

As soon as he retired, the Society of Petroleum Engineers awarded him a Distinguished Lectureship, and, for a year, he traveled throughout the United States and Western Europe. Afterwards, he began juggling again: this time between three main consulting positions: constructing a mathematical model of the world's largest oilfield, doing the conceptual planning for a 30-million dollar hands-on oil exhibit for Saudi Arabia, and teaching geology and production engineering overseas. In between these phased assignments, he assisted the National Aeronautics and Space Administration with the Martian Landing Program and the U.S. Army Topographic Laboratory with preparation for the Gulf War.

In addition to all of the above, Robert managed to squeeze in a four-year course in theology followed by a two-year course on the collected works of C.G. Jung. Finally, all those years of study began to coalesce: scientific

theories melded easily with archaeological and linguistic findings and, each in turn, fit loosely into a personal paradigm having a theological and social framework. Result: the questions just became bigger." Robert is member #216.

## JOHN P. AND MARIA (EASTON) MABEE

### NORWAY NEW YORK TIDINGS, VOL. 4:4

The Norway Tidings was a newspaper that was published in Norway, New York, from Jan. 1886 until Dec. 1890. The following is from a segment entitled Norway History #40: "John P. Mabee was elected town clerk in 1832. He wrote a peculiar, plain, handsome hand. For some years he was a partner with A. H. Buell, in the merchandise business. He was the son of Peter Mabee and a man of ability. He married Miss Maria Easton. From Norway he emigrated to the State of Ohio, where he died relatively young, leaving no male descendants. Dr. Peter Mabee at one time owned the farm on the state road now occupied by James P. McLaughlin. He died at Ballston Springs in 1825, whither he had gone in quest of health. His wife was Margaret Service, a sister of William H. and Philip Service; she lived to a good old age and died in Norway in 1870. One of their daughters, Alida married Dr. Walter Booth and is living; the other, Susan, married William Vandenburg, and died two years since. Simon Mabee, a brother of the Doctor was a merchant at Fairfield and Little Falls. We think there are no male descendants of either family now living in this vicinity. The following newspaper clipping we presume may refer to their ancestors: 'The Schenectady Star' says: About 6 and a half miles west of that city, on the south side of the Mohawk, the Mabee family settled about 200 years ago. The house where they now live was built over thirty years previous to 1720, and has been occupied by the same family for six generations."

## JOHN P. MABEE

**South Bend, St. Joseph County Indiana Newspaper dated 9 Oct 1846,**

"DIED.-At New Carlisle, in this County, Tuesday, Oct. 6th, after a lingering illness, John P. Mabee, one of the most highly respected and esteemed citizens of that part of the county, leaving a bereaved family and a large circle of friends to mourn his loss."

## SOURDOUGH JACK AND SANDY KUNKEL

"I am writing to tell you that I have been able to connect the family of Sourdough Jack Mabee with my family. My great, great, great grandfather, James Mabee, was Sourdough Jack's great grandfather. I am so sorry that Jack is not alive to learn of our connections and his rich family history." Sandy Kunkel, #231

**PETER AND ANGELA JOHNSON ARE SEEKING  
WILLIAM MAYBEE, 1842**

"William Maybee b. 1842, Murray Tp., Northumberland Co., Ontario, Canada. Married Sarah, b. 1839, Michigan. Issue: Jesse 1876, Blanche 1883, and likely others. Moved to Tuscola Co. MI by 1883, and Orion, Oakland, Michigan by 1900. William was a son of William Huff Maybee and Julia Ette Harrington, and a great grandson of Capt. Abraham Maybee. Would appreciate any information on this family & descendants, as any living descendants currently carrying the Maybee surname would be my nearest relatives still retaining that name. ... I know my Maybee lines are quite thoroughly Canadian, yet it is true that the closest branch moved to Michigan before 1883. In my own line, the Maybee name died out about 1939, although there are scags of descendants with other surnames."

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**IS IT AN "L" OR AN "S" ???**

"As you know, in the last decade of the 18th century after the Revolutionary War, Upper Canada (present day Ontario) was land rich and population poor. To encourage settlement, land was available for the asking, with minimal restrictions, for the United Empire Loyalist, their children and others willing to settle in this new land. Valuable sources of information about these people are Land Petitions, Land Books, Deeds and Land Abstracts. While researching my own ancestor, John Mabee 1749-1817 U.E.L., who fought as one of Butler's Rangers and was rewarded with five hundred fifty acres of land, in Darlington Township, West Durham Co., I came across the following information:

Lot 34 Con 8 Darling Twp. Ref.: Land Abstract GS 3862 Ontario Archives. Grant Feb 26, 1803, Crown to Lufrenies Mabee, 200A. 95 deed Jan 26, 1811 Lufrenies Mabee to Robert Lounsbury 200A Mar 25, 1811

This led me to deed #95 p. 41 on microfilm GS 3863 Ontario Archives which stated that on the 26th day of January 1811 Lufrenies Mabee of the township of Clinton, County of Lincoln, yeoman, sold to Robert Lounsbury of the same County 'all that portion \_\_\_\_ or tract of land situated in the Township of Darlington in the County of Durham and District of Newcastle and Province aforesaid (Upper Canada) containing two hundred acres of land \_\_\_\_\_) witnessed by William Kitchen millwright and Peter P. Roole yeoman of the Province of Upper Canada. Signed and sealed Feb 3, 1811 and registered Mar 25, 1811.

Note: 1) The capital 'L' on Lufrenies, Lincoln and Lounsbury were identical.

Lufrenies was residing in Clinton Tp. In 1811. This led me to the original Land Petition which was found on page 268 of Upper Canada Land Book B 1796-1797 which is on microfilm C101 in the Ontario archives. It was

interesting that the only index for the source had the name 'Maybee, Sufrenies. Isn't it amazing how close Suffrenus, Sylvanus, and Lufrenies appear when the name is written in early script. The petition was read Mar 25, 1797 at Newark, UC (now Niagara on the Lake) by Hon. Peter Russell, Admin; Hon John Elmsely, Chief Justice; and Hon David William Smith and reads as follows: 'Lufrenies Mabee praying for lands as a settler,' and the council's decision was, 'Ordered 200 acres if none granted before.'

My next step was to check the Land Abstract for Clinton Tp., Lincoln Co. which was found on microfilm GS 1905 in the Ontario Archives. There was no reference found for Mabee owning land in 1811 in this township.

Possible Conclusions:

1. Lufrenies Mabee is the Severienus Mebie born Sep 18, 1774 and a son of Jacobus Mebie. He would have been aged 23 at the time of his petition for land.

2. Quite possibly Lufrenies (Suffrenus) Mabee resided in Buffalo, New York in 1796/1797 at the time of his petition since free land was being offered to residents across the border if they became settlers in the new land. Later, at the time of sale, his residency in UC was more important and he may (or may not) have been living in Clinton Tp. Perhaps he remembered this story of how his great grandmother, Eve Pickard, and her sons acquired land at Canajoharie many years before."

Doug Mabee, #177

**ASSOCIATION OF PHILIPPE DU TRIEUX  
DESCENDANTS**

We have enjoyed exchanging newsletters with the Association of Philippe Du Trieux Descendants and wanted you to know about their new web site. Even if you are not a Du Trieux descendant, you may enjoy reading the history there as Philippe came to America on the same ship as Pieter Casparszen van Naarden, the New Netherland, in 1624. <http://www.apci.net/~truax/pdthist.htm>

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Dues are \$14 (\$20 Canadian funds).

**DR. PAULA MABEE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF  
BIOLOGY - MEMBER: CMI, SEOB**

Although Dr. Mabee is the author or co-author of eleven publications, and has four more in progress, many of us have been unfamiliar with her work. In a statement quoted on the Internet, she wrote, "The research in my laboratory is centered around understanding the relationship between developmental and evolutionary change. In particular, we are interested in the development and evolution of the skull in fishes." She works in the Department of Biology, San Diego State University, San Diego, California.

## CONGRATULATIONS JOHN AND SHIRLEY



John and Shirley (Wilkerson) Weihing celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary August 18, 1998. John is a direct descendant of three of Jan Pieterse Mabee's daughters, Eva, Maria and Mieitje.

## THE HISTORY OF MAYBEE MICHIGAN IS AGAIN AVAILABLE

Our member, Jean Seibarth, #004, has just completed the book *Maybe, Michigan: History of the Village, including Grape, Michigan*. Jean has served as Village of Maybee Historian and has collected pictures and maps of Maybee. She tells the history of the village and area from its very beginning. Part of the historical portion of the book was first published in 1973 and was soon completely sold out. This second printing (1998) has been revised and updated. The book is indexed and has a soft cover.

The farm on Day Road where Jean and Keith live has been in the family for 134 years and is now known as the Christmas Tree Plantation. You can order a book from them at \$16.98 (U.S.) per book. Michigan residents must add 6% sales tax. Shipping and handling is \$4.00 per address per book. If two or more books are ordered (same address) then shipping and handling is only \$3.00 per book. To order, send a check or money order to Jean:

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9381 DAY ROAD  
MONROE, MICH 48162

## FOR A DESCENDANT OF JOHN VAN PETTER MAYBEE

"In the November, 1998 issue of the *Communicator* there was an article about John Van Petter Maybee, which mentioned that he fought in the Civil War at Ft. Fisher, N.C. Unfortunately none of his descendants were mentioned. But if there are any, I would like to send them two objects I picked up while in Missouri which came from an excavation of Ft. Fisher. I have two rifle bullets from the battle which might mean something to Mr. Maybee's descendants. Any information about his people?"

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## EMIGRATE OR IMMIGRATE

To emigrate means to leave a country. (Associate with the word *exit*). Immigrate means to travel into. (Associate with the word *into*). From the *Readers Digest*

## TOM LUTGE WOULD LIKE HELP

Tom Lutge, #246, writes, "During my searches and with the information I received from the Maybee Society, I know that my clan of Maybee's only dates as far back as John Maybee (Rin:4131), 1821, New York. I have not been able to go beyond this date. I have not been able to find his siblings or parents. I am asking if there are any Society Members who may be able to help me, particularly in the New York Area, since this is the first location I have on him. This is the only information I have: John Maybee, born: 1821, New York, died 1870, buried East Gilead, Branch Co., Michigan. Wife: Rosanna Cook, born 1826, Pennsylvania, died 1906, buried East Gilead, Branch Co., Michigan. Their children include: James T. Maybee, born 1846, Pennsylvania; Munson Washington Maybee, born Aug 11, 1848, Ohio; Abigail Margret Maybee, born 1851, Ohio, Margret Maybee (could be Abigail) born 1852, died 1923, buried Gilead, Branch Co., Michigan; Linzey Allen Maybee (my great grandfather) born 1854, Morgan Twp., Gallia, Ohio, died 1934; John F. Maybee, born 1856, Ohio; William H. Maybee, born 1860, Morgan Twp., Gallia, Ohio; Cornelius S. Maybee, born 1866."

TOM LUTGE #246  
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## A MILLENNIUM "2000" FAMILY REUNION

We learn from Melvin Maybee, #50. "A millennium, 2000, family reunion for the descendants of Charles Iven Maybee 1895-1962 and Pansy Elizabeth Bates (1901-1965), parents of 'A Different Dozen': Charles Ivan Jr. (1922-1972), Melvin Robert (1924-), Harold Wayne (1926-), Shirley Faye (1928-), Leo Ray (1929-), Josephine May (1931-1972), Lois June (1933-), Jacqueline Pansy (1935-), Margie Ann (1936-) Nancy Marie (1937-), Larry Allan (1939-), and #12 Patrick Lee (1944-). Millennium has another meaning besides time; it also means a period of great happiness, peace, prosperity and golden age. So how about a reunion to be held where it all started, by brother Harold, in Iowa Waubonsi State Park across the river from Nebraska City, Nebraska. Hosting the Millennium reunion will be Charles Iven Jr.'s son, Kenny, and Leo Ray's son, David, both from Nebraska City. ...There is a tentative promise of boat rides on the Missouri River and perhaps to view one of the Islands that Charlie use to own and where some [of the children] were born."

## WORK PROGRESSES AT THE MABEE FARM



A "necessary" item has also been moved to the premises: an outhouse donated by the Cobblestone Church. It is described as a substantial four-holer, and Scott (Haefner, #.018), is about to put on a new roof and have it ready for business (as a toolshed).



## A HISTORY OF THE SCHENECTADY PATENT

"I recently purchased a copy (reprint) of Professor Jonathan Pearson's book *A History of the Schenectady Patent* first published in 1883. What a fascinating book! I heartily recommend it to anyone who is interested in learning more about the lives of these early pioneers. The Mabee family is well represented in the book, with many references to Jan Pieterse Mabee and his sons Pieter, Abraham and Jacob. Pearson discussed land holdings, other records including church donations and militia rosters, and a fine discussion of the Mabee House. This is not a genealogical work; rather it is a documented history of the Schenectady area." Steve Mabee, #257

## GARLAND "GG" MAYBEE IS LOVINGLY KNOWN AS "RUSTY NAILS"



"For the past few years 'GG' has been clowning around. She does 4th of July parades, clowns at Firebells, and occasionally for different charitable groups. Her costume consists of red hair, red shirt with black garters around her elbows, and red and black pants (with patches and one pocket wrong side out.) and knee high rubber boots (painted red, white and blue, with yellow and purple polka-dots). Her face make-up consists of various shades of orange, red, white and black, a fake mustache and, of course, her trademark her own nose painted blue, so she is also known as 'Old Blue Nose'. Around her neck are scissors to cut off lollipops (that she also normally wears around her neck) and cuts off for the children. Her chest is adorned with a large button-shaped ah-chooga horn." Mel Bob Maybee, #50

## CHARLES AND HARRIET (CROOM) MABEY

"I have been busy trying to add detail to my Mabeey family here in Upper Hutt, New Zealand, but have decided it is time to again attempt to connect Charlie Mabeey up to his ancestors." [Charles Mabeey, b. 1802, England, m. abt. 1830, d. 1864]. "I have reason to believe it is his wife Harriet's family that lived in Branscombe, Devon and have found evidence of this in the 1851 census. At the same time I located Solomon MABEY aged 54 born Bridport, Dorset, Coast Guard living at St. Marychurch, Newton Abbot, Devonshire. I now have another place to look." Janet Doyle, #222

## AMPHIB' VETS HONORED FOR WORK THE POST AND COURIER,

Saturday October 31st, 1998

by Terry Joyce

"Mount Pleasant - About 30 Navy veterans and their wives honored the Navy's amphibious forces from World War II on Friday as they helped to dedicate a new display at Patriots Point. 'We're sandscrapers,' said retired Navy Chief Warrant Officer Sylvester Mabee during a ceremony aboard the aircraft carrier YORKTOWN.

The term 'sandscraeper' indicates how the Navy's amphibious forces would get as close to an invasion beach as possible to get troops and equipment ashore.

The flat-bottomed fleet of LST's and other vessels often ran completely



aground as they

delivered forces to the beach. The 'Gator Navy' was another nickname for amphibious forces, said Mabee of Charleston. The nickname was based on a fanciful idea that amphibious vessels moved along shallow ocean shorelines much like an alligator.

'We were young and the ships were new,' he said, reminiscing about life aboard LSM-299. That particular ship was one of more than two hundred vessels built at the Charleston Naval Shipyard during World War II. Mabee said he enjoyed the time he spent in Charleston waiting for his ship to be completed. 'Reynolds Avenue had but one restaurant,' he said, 'While downtown Charleston was at the end of the trolley line'

'Navy amphibians were a state-of-the-art product of America's effort to win the war. Nothing quite like them was produced either before or after that era', retired Navy Capt. Hugh Murphy said. Murphy and Mabee spoke, then led the audience below the Yorktown's decks to see where the new display can be seen. The display includes scale models of World War II landing craft, plus a number of photos. 'I'm hoping we'll get a diorama down here, showing people the full scope of an amphibious invasion,' retired Rear Admiral James H. Flatley said. Flatley is the chief executive officer of Patriot's Point. He urged the vets to volunteer to help the museum complete the diorama, which still is in the planning stage.

'This recognition (of Navy amphibians) is long overdue,' he said. 'When you think about what you men did and when you did it, it was every bit as hazardous as anything anyone in the Navy did during the war.'

Sy Mabee, #110, was a member of the commissioning crew of the USS LSM 299 at Charleston, South Carolina, Naval Shipyard in 1944. It was decommissioned at Swan Island, Portland, Oregon in 1946 after serving in the Central Pacific and participating in the initial landings at Wakayama, Japan.

## MORE MABILLE TO MABIE

**Robert L. Maby, #216** explains, "One caveat seems in order when working with Mabilite-derived names: not all families need have a Huguenot background. Indeed, this same reasoning applies to those people still using that (original) surname. This is so because that narrow sliver of water between the France and British Isles of today never posed an insurmountable barrier to travel either way. Undoubtedly in older times, emigrant Mabilles found themselves in linguistic muddles and, then, made the necessary pragmatic and phonetic adjustments to ease life. Indeed, even earlier Celtic travelers may have planted the name from Scotland to Wales. ... Ten years ago when I was exploring early Mabilite itineraries, I sought help from a retired British diplomat. He had scoured the Maritime Provinces of France and found Mabilles and Mabys thinly spread along the western seaboard in Normandy and Brittany. Those M(s) currently residing there consider the department of Ille-et-Vilaine in Eastern Brittany as their family homeland. Others near Nantes say differently: namely, the provincial homeland is in the village of Teillay, near Bain di Bretagne between Rennes and Chateaubriand."

He goes on to say that in dictionaries of surnames Mabilite has the same derivation as a Christian name Mabel, i.e., a corruption of Latin word *amabilis*, with the suggestion that it is a matronymic derived from Gaulish prostitutes who entertained occupying Roman Legionnaires. "In older times," he continues, "Mabilite was at first a female Christian name: ... The reputedly cruel Mabilite, daughter of Guillaume and Belleme (Bob needs inverted v over the middle e ????) married Roger de Montgomery."

Another possibility concerns the Celtic word (He has mark over E in Celtic???) *Mab* (c.r., mac) meaning son. Also, there was a Cornish Saint called St. Maby and Welsh divine known as Walter Map, which might have been pronounced as Mab by some." Robert also comments that there is a place in England known as St. Mabyon.

**Ross Mabey, #202** adds "From a French dictionary of family names, *Dictionnaire Etymologique Des Noms De Famille Et Prenoms De France* by Albert Dauzat it states Mabey is a variation of Mabile. Bob we need ??? mark over e in prenoms and first e in etym. In the book, *Discovering Surnames Their Origins and Meanings* by J. W. Freeman we read, 'Maeve was the great legendary Queen of Ireland, who became the Fairy Queen Mab. From this developed the Celtic feminine forename of Mabel – the Queen of Mirth. It was not long before young women with this name were addressed as Mab or Mabs, and it was only natural that men whose mother bore this name found themselves called Mabey, Mabon or Mabbs.'"

## AREA CODE CHANGES

The new area code for our PRESIDENT JACK AND MARY ELLEN MAYBEE, #58; EARL AND MARIETTA MABIE, #93; and MARGARET MABIE, #87 is 727

## THE MABEE FARM by the Mabee Farm Committee



"Work on the foundations for the Nilson barn, designed by Keith Cramer, Dutch Barn Society architect, went well, with Louise Basa and Ron Kingsley on hand to observe and preserve objects of archaeological interest. John Ruscio of J and B Contractors made sure nothing was overlooked, but not much turned up. We visited Steve Swift's Restoration Supply operation outside Middleburg on December 10 and saw the antique timbers being cut for the 'new' sill needed. Those on which the Nilson barn had sat for some 250 years weren't worth moving. The work already contracted will use up the barn fund with 12' siding, 24" roof shingles and a modern lightning-rod system to be paid for. To do that, and to provide a visitor center and other requirements to put the Farm on display, we're about to embark on a fund-raising venture. The Schenectady Foundation has offered two \$50,000 challenges that will take \$300,000 of other funds to match. Several major donors will help immensely, but others of us who care will have to do our share. Maybe (perhaps) that's the motto for the Mabee Farm Site Development Fund Drive: **'Those of us who care have to do our share!'**" from the Mabee Farm Committee as quoted in the *Schenectady County Historical Society Newsletter*.

## JAMES AND BARSHEBA OR BATHSHEBA MABEE

"I am still searching for any information on my great, great, great grandmother, Barsheba or Bathsheba Mabee, wife of James Mabee. She was born in New York around 1790. She is listed in the 1850 Michigan census as living with my great, great grandfather, William Harrison Mabee and his wife Miranda Savin in Hillsdale, Michigan. I am also searching for the parents of Miranda Savin Mabee, wife of William Harrison. I know the father died around 1830, possibly in Malone, Clinton County

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## PETER MABIE AND MARIA L. BRADEN

Tommy Shaughnessy, #260, is seeking information on Peter Mabie who married Maria L. Braden. They had a daughter, May Ida Maybee, who married George Marquis. May Ida and George had eight children born between 1888 and 1905.

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Anita Wagner Brooks has been tracing her branch of the Mabie family tree since 1970 and has recently been pursuing it by search on the Internet. Her branch migrated from New York, through Iowa and Kosciusko County, Indiana, and eventually settled in Kansas. She is busily re-searching all her family lines.

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Jim descends from Loyalist and Patriot lines and is interested in their history. In his search for his ancestor, Peter Mabie, 1739, he found considerable research on Peter Mabie, the Loyalist, born in 1765/1766, which he is willing to share.

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Mary Ellen is Linda K. Maybee's (#97) aunt. Linda thought she might enjoy being a member of the Maybee Society.

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We would like to welcome Julienne who joins with several other members of the family who are searching for Hiram Maybee and Nancy Lenox.

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### GENEALOGY OF MAYBEE SOCIETY MEMBERS

Stephen Mabie, #257, advises us that he was able to read the GEDCOM file available on the website of Bret Perry, #86, by downloading a free version of *Brother's Keeper* (shareware that can be found on the Internet.) The GEDCOM file contains our most updated list of members and their families. Bret's website is <http://home1.gte.net/bretly/mabie/mabie.htm>

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