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BELVA MAYBEE PERRY

Memorial from Jack Maybee

In 1987 an event occurred that has enriched all our lives--George Maybee Martin and Belva Maybee Perry got together with a few others and gave birth to the Maybee Society. George was our President until his death in 1994. Since that initial beginning Belva Maybee Perry, our Executive Secretary, has been the Maybee Society to most of us.

Her life and home has been devoted to puzzling out and tracing the many Mabee, Mabie, Maby, Maybee, Van Orden etc. connections. She was ever searching into all families and sharing her results with us all; she was a sounding board for new ideas. It was a job of love and it certainly made us all ever cognizant of her willingness -no- eagerness to share this love. Her expertise in editing and publishing the 41 issues of the 'Communicator' was an extension of her great interest in all aspects of the "Family".

It is with great sadness that we learned of her unexpected massive stroke on April 7 and of her untimely death April 22. We will miss her beautiful smile and her outstanding patience as she answered the many questions we put to her. She was truly a much admired woman who made the Maybee family with all its spellings come to life for all of us. Belva Maybee Perry will be remembered and sorely missed by many people and especially by all our members.

Our deepest sympathy goes to her husband, Bob, her children, Byron, Bianca, Benita and Bret and their families and by her brothers and sisters and their families.

Jack Maybee

Two months after Belva's passing, on June 16, 1959, her husband, Robert Leslie Perry passed away. He has been an invaluable help in the newsletter, scanning pictures, doing the mailing and leanding computer expertise. They were an especially close couple and their lives touched many.
Barbara Maybee Carter



Belva Louise Maybee Perry passed away quietly in her sleep on Apr. 22, 1999 surrounded by her husband and children. She was born on Jan. 5, 1934, in Butte, Montana, the second child of Eric and Rita Maybee. She

was survived by her husband, Bob, their children and grandchildren, sisters Barbara Carter and Mary Julia (Judy) Bell, Delsa Daniels, Deborah Larson and brothers William Maybee, John Maybee, Duane Stark and Joseph Stark and numerous nieces and nephews. Her parents and stepfather Donald Stark preceded her in death. She was also greatly influenced by her grandparents Julius and Harriet Millecam with whom she lived for several years.

She graduated from Butte High School and attended Brigham Young University. As a committed member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints she served in the West Central State Mission.

Belva captured the attention and empowered the spirits of all who came under her influence. An admired church leader, teacher, mother, foster mother, grandmother, aunt and friend, she lovingly left her mark on all of us, leaving each and every one of us with sweet everlasting memories to help fill the void we find in our lives without her.

Robert L. Perry



Robert L. Perry, beloved father, grandfather and friend returned to his Heavenly Home, June 16, 1999. Robert was born April 19, 1930 in Logan, UT to Leslie Thomas Perry and Elsie Nora

Sonne Perry. He was a great man and spiritual leader. His continual smile brightened the lives of all he met. He married Belva Louise Maybee,

November 17, 1955, for time and all eternity in the Logan, LDS Temple. Robert graduated from Logan High School in Logan, Utah, served a LDS mission in the Great Lakes region, served in the U.S. Army near Seattle, where he met Belva. He worked for Boeing for over 30 years. He was active in community affairs, served with the Interfaith Council of Snohomish Co., volunteered at the Bethany Homeless Shelter, presided as Bishop of the LDS church for many years, and served in many other callings.

Surviving are their children and grandchildren., sons Byron and Bret Perry and daughters, Bianca Krall and Benita Saavedt, and grandchildren David and Jonathan Strange, Tommes and Sara Saavedt Dustin and Carly Krall, Tyler, Kendra, and Jacob Perry. Also surviving are his brothers and sisters L. Tom Perry, Theodore Perry, Gay Kowallis and Mignon Perry.

THE WORK GOES FORWARD

When Belva passed away, Jack Maybee send the following message:

"Our deepest appreciation to Belva's husband, Robert Leslie Perry (Bob) and her sister, Barbara Maybee Carter who have agreed to take on the huge job of keeping the Maybee Society records and library and publishing future issues of the 'Communicator'".

Barbara Carter and Bret and Byron Perry will carry on the Maybee Society work. It may take a while to get everything working right. We hope to be caught up with memberships, letters and inquiries in about a month. If your question is not addressed in this newsletter or you don't hear from us in that time, please write again. Thank you.

DR JUDD AND BOOTS MAYBEE

When Dr. Judson "Judd" Maybee and his wife Marilyn, died in a plane crash, it seemed fitting to many that they should go together. The Mabees of Mitchell, South Dakota were well known for their love of family and the joy that they had by being together.

Dr. Judd Maybee and his father, the late, Dr. Oscar Maybee opened the Mabee Eye Clinic in Mitchell South Dakota. Judson loved hunting and fly fishing and Marilyn, who also enjoyed the outdoors would often accompany him. They both enjoyed hiking. Boots was a gourmet cook and loved to cook and entertain and Judd was a willing helper. They took great joy in their children and grandchildren. Surviving are Mark Mabee, his wife Tammy and their three children. Mark is a Yankton, South Dakota, physician.
(Paula Mabee)

A SURPRISE FOR THE DOYLES

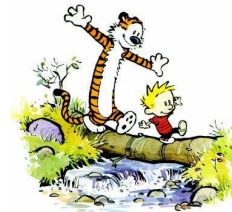
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William Stoodley and Janet's Mabey relations are connected by marriage to his younger brother, William Stoodley.

ROYAL CONNECTIONS

I have been working on the European line Mabile, Mailly, to the French kings. The LDS's Ancestry List written by the Medieval Studies group, is pretty sloppy. (they made Philippe V and Philippe VI the same person, even though V was a Capet and VI was Valois Dynasty. (in doing so they removed any reason for the 100 years war!) Maile Ho's is much more in agreement with most historical references, and her list of sources is great., John D. MayBee,

PERSPECTIVE



"When I speak of perspective, I think of one of my favorite Calvin and Hobbes cartoons. I wouldn't say that Calvin is a typical first grader but he certainly has the spunk and energy of one. And everybody needs a friend with the loyalty of his stuffed tiger, Hobbes. In this cartoon, Calvin and Hobbes are walking through the woods on their way home and Calvin is holding forth grandly. 'I believe history is a force. Its unalterable tide sweeps all people and institutions along its unrelenting path. Everything and everyone serves history's single purpose.'

Hobbes, looking puzzled, inquires, 'And what is that purpose?'

'Why, to produce me, of course!' explains Calvin. 'I'm the end result of history. ... Think of it! Thousands of generations lived and died to produce my exact, specific parents, whose reason for being, obviously, was to produce me. All history up to this point has been spent preparing the world for my presence.'

'Hmm,' observes Hobbes. 'Four and a half billion years probably wasn't long enough.'

'Now I'm here,' announces Calvin, posing on top of a boulder, 'And history is vindicated.'

'So now that the history has brought you,' asks Hobbes what are you going to do?' The last frame shows them both sitting in front of the TV.'

From Bill Watterson, Scientific Progress goes "Boink": a Calvin and Hobbs Collection quoted by Chieko N. Okazaki in her book, Cat's Cradle.

63 YEARS OF MARRIAGE AND STILL GOING

Our congratulations to Edmund W. and Mercedes Mabe, who celebrated 63 years of marriage on March 1st of this year.

HARRY MAYBEE OF ENGLAND

"I am wondering if any other Maybee family members claim English roots? I note that most Maybees have their families in the U.S., Canada, France, or Holland ... most of the families seeming to trace their families eventually back to Holland.

Well, my Maybee family (I am connected to this name through a great great-grandmother, Elizabeth Mary Maybee Clarke 1848 - 1932; she was born in Sheerness, Kent, England. The family settled in Kent in the 1830's, having before lived in and about Portsea, Hants, England. I believe that they were there connected with the navy.

I have my Maybee lineage traced back to my seven times great grandfather, Harry Maybee (possibly born about 1720; place of birth. not known). On August 3, 1742 (at Portsea), he married Hannah Martin (She died prior to 1776). I do have a copy of Harry Maybee's will (dated on July 4, 1776 ... a date very familiar to American Maybees!), but I have not yet located his burial record, probably near Portsea. I am wondering if Harry Maybee might have had Dutch origins, as in his will he made mention of leaving "all my common delft" to his servant, Ann Cuttler. Since Delft is associated with Holland (although it was produced elsewhere, including in England), I am wondering if he might have had Dutch roots.

I would be pleased to hear from any Maybee researchers who have found

A record of a Harry Maybee (or variations of his Christian name) who was born from 1700 - 1720, and who might be my Harry. Any information at all would be much appreciated. I would so much like to be able to link in my English Maybee family with the mainstream branch of that family."

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CAUTION GENEALOGY CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH

Cindy Bryant, #49, received a 3' by 3' genealogy chart from a cousin. Cindy was so excited that while walking and reading, she missed a step into her kitchen and now has a broken foot. The purple cast (school colors) is fading and we hope the pain is fading also.

TEACHING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Edward Maby, #75, has taken a "half-sabbatical" from RPI and is teaching this semester at the University of Southern California

PAT VUOLO

Loyola Vuolo, Member #148 writes, "I enjoy every issue of the Communicator. Page 6 of the last newsletter was of special concern. My husband, Pat was part of the commissioning crew of the LST 910. Keep up the good work."



BETTY LOU MAYBEE

"Bette Lou Maybee, the great-great granddaughter of Charles and Mary Jane Maybee, passed away on Saturday, February 6th,

1999, after a long struggle with encephalitis.

Bette was born in Pasco, Washington, on Thursday, April 16th, 1925, and eventually relocated to Seattle with her family where she graduated from the University of Washington before moving to Portland, Oregon, to write for the Botsford, Constantine & Gardner ad agency.

In the late 1950's Bette followed her career down to the Los Angeles, California, area where she was engaged to write two of the early Barbie books and three short story anthologies about Barbie and Ken. Nearly forty years later when asked about the success of Barbie, Bette laughed and said, "It's embarrassing!"

Bette was buried in Acacia Cemetery, Seattle, Washington, at one o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, February 13, 1999, and now rests between her nephew, Jon Scott Tillson, and her mother, Mildred Maybee."

From Tyrone Tillson, #103

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ESTHER

"I was delighted to see that note from my Aunt Esther, in the latest "Communicator". This lady, who will celebrate her 97 birthday this April 9th, is my all time best role model for enjoying ones "Golden years!". Esther is so interested in everyone she meets - she has that wonderful talent of really listening, as well as a great sense of humor. And she continues to play a sharp hand of bridge, believe me!

Now that I'm retired from my nursing career. I am blessed to be able to visit Esther several times a year. My husband, Paul, enjoys her as well, and in fact they practice speaking Spanish together!"

CORRECTION ON TEEPLE INFORMATION

Bob Frei writes: "I am repeating the note here since it contains information I hope to see in the next issue of the Communicator.

First, the April 1998 issue of Communicator lists my lineage as: "Bob descends from Frederick Mabee, 1735 & Lavinia Pelham, through their daughter, Lydia who married Luke Teeple." In fact, Lydia married Peter Teeple on January 08, 1785 in St. John's, New Brunswick, where they had moved after the American Revolution. One of their sons was Luke Teeple who married Nancy Finch on December 26, 1816. They had a son named Alexander who married Mary Ann Winter (a Doane descendant) on January 17, 1844 in Charlotteville, Ontario . . . etc, down to me.

Second: The book "Pioneer Sketches of the Long Point Settlement" by E. A. Owen, published in 1898 contains many stories about Frederick Mabee and his children. I would estimate that Mabee descendants are mentioned on 40% of the pages in the book. These stories are told as much as 100 years after the fact by the grandchildren of the settlers, but they make interesting, if not historically accurate, reading. The book has been republished in 1986, a few copies are still available at the Eva Brook Donley Museum in Simcoe, Ontario. Also, the text has been posted on the web at www.genealogylibrary.com (although that is a subscription service - some of your members may be subscribers.)

Third: I have posted some new items which may be of interest to the descendants of Frederick Mabee (1735) and especially of Lydia Mabee Teeple. The new pages are "Teeple Journal" containing articles and source material for research on that family. Included is the start of an obituary database. I am looking for additional obituaries to post on that site. My web site is "www.bob.frei.com" and is also posted at www.ejourney.com/~bfrei - there is a button on both sites for the Teeple Journal.

Fourth: I am planning to post a database of Maybee obituaries similar in format to the Teeple postings. I would like to encourage people who have obituaries to share them with me (by email if possible) - please ask them to include:

- 1) the full text of the obituary
- 2) publication date and page (if available - or best guess if it is not)
- 3) name of the person who transcribed it, the date of transcription, and the medium from which it was transcribed (often this is either "microfilm" or "newspaper clipping")
- 4) I will also accept and post biographies of Maybee family members even if they are from un-published sources - I would like the best possible guess as to the source, however.

People may check out the format by looking at the Teeple obituary page I started last week. It may be seen at:
<http://littlejoe.ejourney.com/~bfrei/tpljournal1a/Obits.htm>

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SCOTTISH MABIES

While reading an old book on Schenectady yesterday (Schenectady Ancient and Modern by Joel Monroe published in 1914), I discovered that the Glen family of early Schenectady was from Scotland via the Netherlands (circa 1633). This rang a bell and after going back and reading some of the Newsletters that Belva had sent me, I decided to go hunting in Scotland (on the net). I found the town of Mabie and, while surfing, I asked (via e-

mail) a researcher if she had any information on the Mabee family and also if it was possible that a branch of the family fled to Holland and then America.

This was her response. I hope you can read it. If not, let me know and I will mail you a copy.

"Dear Stephen,
 Your name Mabee according to Black's surnames is from the land of Mabie in the Parish of Troqueer (now Traquhair) in Kirkcudbrightshire. The land was confirmed to Durand filius Christin by Alan filius rolan d constable of Scotland in 1200 - 34 (from Holm Cutrum page 56) The Rev. John Mabee was a minister of Kirkmabreck in 1674. . All down the east coast of Scotland had comings and goings with the lowlands Flanders etc and yes many Scots went to different places in Europe and Holland amongst them . The statutory records in Scotland did not begin until 1855 and since then have been excellent. before that the records of all births marriages and deaths were kept by the churches but are far from complete as it was not necessary or compulsory to record these events. These pre 1855 records were transcribed on to micro fiche in index form by the Mormons and are freely available at any good libraries or Mormon centres all over the world or for a fee from origins the data base of the Scottish records from 1500s to the present time. i believe in the latter case these records prior to 1855 are cheaper to download than the statutory ones but most people prefer to contact a library and do it themselves. As I and all researchers have to pay seventeen pounds per seven and a half hours working day to enter New register House which contains among other things the full original statutory certificates and i have forward booked there , in order to utilise my investment to the full I concentrate on this venue. Land sasines wills kirk session meetings etc to mention a few and many other archival treasures are held in the library next door named the Scottish records office if I receive an early enquiry I pass this on to Diane Baptie who is experienced in this type of research and expert in it she charges eight pounds per hour plus expenses for such as photocopies etc. I have a set of antique gazetteers published in the 1890s which says that Mabie is an estate (1890s)



with a mansion at Troqueer parish Kirkcudbrightshire four and a half miles south south west of Dumfries. Its owner is (1890s) Reginald Howat esquire ." We, my Husband and I visit Traquair house which has been owned by

the same family for generations, They were Stuart sympathisers and the main gates leading into the House or estate sport a bear on either side. They are called the bear gates and were locked when the last Stuart was thrown off the throne and it is said by the family will never be opened until a Stuart is seated on the throne once more. The have a brewery and a small chapel. The house has many interesting features and the grounds contain nice gardens, a priest hole , cottages some converted to arts and crafts pursuits and a tearoom with resident peacocks who pinch your food off your plate when you are not looking . Our friend produces a Shakespeare play every year in its grounds with permission from the owner a young lady with a tiny baby whose Husband died last year. It is set in beautiful Border country side and as I said in the summer is a favourite jaunt of ours. Sorry I cannot be of more help but If I can be of further assistance in helping you do not hesitate to contact me. Weather in Scotland to the North from Aberdeen up the snow has been lying for some time, a delight for the ski industry, which due to previous mild winters has been in the doldrums. Heather the Weather the forecaster on Scottish Television announced that the snow would travel down the East Coast today but it has not arrived though the weather has been exceedingly cold it has been sunny and bright for the most of Feb. We live in a suburb of Edinburgh by the shore of the Firth of Forth as it enters the cold North Sea and opposite on the yonder shore is the County of Fife, it is only a ten minute car ride for me to reach New register House which is very convenient for me. We visited Dallas to attend an ex patriot Scottish Wedding several years ago and loved it, the people were more than kind to us, we hope to return. I trust you and Yours are all well
Yours Aye Anne king

**ALBANY JUGGLER:
MIKE McCREA**

Mike McCrea (Michael Maybee, #128) "proving life is just a balancing act," was part of the Kid's Day entertainment at the Empire Sate Plaza. The picture is by Paul Buckowski of the *Times Union*, of Albany.



A NEW PATH TO PURSUE

Susie O'Hayer, #226, tells of another Mabey family from England. On August 5, 1860, Alfred Mabey married Emma Edmonds of Woolrich, England. They had nine children: Charles Henry Mabey, b. Jun 18, 1861 d. Jun 20, 1945; Alfred George Mabey b. Nov 29, 1862 d. Apr 28, 1900; Walter Joseph Mabey b. Aug 24 1864 d. Nov. 27, 1908; Mary June Mabey b. Aug 12, 1866 (raised in London with her Aunt Kate Morre) d. Jun 20, 1945; Emma Ada Mabey b.

Jun 29, 1869; Alice Kate Mabey, b. Jun 29, 1869; Frederick George Mabey b. May 4, 1870; Baby dead Aug. 14, 1871; William Mabey b. Mar. 29, 1873.

GENE D. MAYBEE LED A RICH FULL LIFE OF SERVICE

Gene D. Maybee was born April 6, 1910, in Mt. Pleasant Michigan, and spent his growing years in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Gene married Jewel Stommel of St. Clair, Nov. 26, 1936. He received B.A. and MA degrees at the University of Michigan, and then taught math and vocal music in St. Clair from 1931 to 1936. He next taught math at Ann Arbor and was Administrative Assistant at Ann Arbor High School before becoming Principal of Jones School in 1948. He served as an Alderman, on City Council 1948-1954; was Principal of Tappan Jr. High School 1950-1970. He then served as consultant to the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals until 1979. He was past president of the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor, The Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, and Ann Arbor Golf and Outing. Past member of the National Association of Secondary School Principal's Committee on Jr. High and Middle School Education. He served as secretary of Kiwanis 1971-1978 and was an active member with 44 years of perfect attendance. He was a member of the First Congregational Church, recipient of Michigan Association of Secondary Principal's Appreciation award in 1979, and Hall of Honor Award for Outstanding Leadership and Service to Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor in 1988. "Gene will be remembered for many things, especially the helpfulness and guidance that he provided to so many people during his fruitful life." Gene died March 16, 1991, at the age of 80.

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Janet and Nigel Doyle, #222 joined us because they were interested in learning more about the Mabey family, but were also able to learn more about the Stoodley branch of their family from Charles C. Stoodley, #147. Charles descends from John Stoodley, the fourth son of William Stoodley and Janet's Mabey relations are connected by marriage to his younger brother, William Stoodley.

AN OFFER OF HELP

Thanks for giving my e-mail address to those who have a question about Mabey/etc. ancestors. I really enjoy trying to help them....kind of paying back for all the help I've gotten.

It turns out, however, that I keep finding people (or they find me) whose data is NOT consistent with Mutrie's book, at least as far as the late 18th and early 19th century. Therefore, I am going to undertake an effort to correlated Mutrie's accounts with the actual names in the

1790 and 1800 U.S. Census. I chose those years since they are in the time frame when most questions arise. Moreover, it was before the western migration began. I'm pretty sure that all of the descendants of Pieter Casparszen were still in NY or NJ at that time.

Of course, you'll notice that I said nothing about Canada. I have already made a brief accounting of the "Loyalists" who moved north in 1783, but, other than that, I'm going to concentrate on the US for now.

So, if any one else inquires, send them to me and I'll see what I can do. Steve, #257

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IMMIGRATION PATH QUESTIONED

In reference to one of your recent messages, The extract from Gywnn's book below may support the thinking that "the immigration path was not what we have always assumed it to be (direct from the Netherlands to New Amsterdam)."

"John, Mutrie referenced this record in his book (on page V), but he did not include the entire reference. The fact that Caspar wrote the suit in English does open some interesting questions. If we assume (and this is a big assumption in my mind) that Caspar the Sergeant was, in fact, the father of Pieter Casparszen, then perhaps this indicates that the immigration path was not what we have always assumed

it to be (direct from the Netherlands to New Amsterdam). I have seen many references to the fact that many Huguenots fled first to England, and then to America."

Here is an extract from "Huguenot Heritage" by Gywnn that you may find interesting, from page 29.

"Persecution in the Low Countries became acute only after the accession of Philip 11. Calvinism grew rapidly in the Netherlands in the 1560s and large numbers of Calvinist refugees reached England in 1562-3, after the outbreak of religious wars in France. Many more followed in 1567-8, after the first revolt in the Netherlands failed and the Duke of Alva arrived there with Spanish and Italian troops and implemented policies based on fear and bloodshed. Another large influx occurred at the time of the second revolt in 1572-3. The provinces of the Low Countries under Spanish control remained unsafe for convinced Protestants and many left during the remainder of the century, seeking sanctuary either to the north, where the union of Utrecht eventually joined a group of provinces in a fighting alliance against Spain, or across the Channel."

Hope this helps.

Still working on our move. Glad to hear that the Tobias Maybee information was useful.

Regards, Ross.

YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO LEAVE THE HOUSE

Stephen W. Mabie, #257, and his wife travel on business and are able to do research that way. But, he is also able to do research on the Internet and has found a good deal of information that way. He mentions several helpful sites, which show him where to look for many items. "For raw data points, the primary source that I have found most useful is a project known as GenWeb, where volunteers, organized at state and county levels, are inputting records (census data, grave stones, town historical documents, obituaries, marriages, etc.) that are simply unbelievable. The Federal Government is also getting into the act -the National Archives and the Bureau of Land Management, which is putting copies of original land purchases on line. Absolutely fascinating, when you consider that it wasn't necessary to leave my house to find this kind of stuff. Much of the free data is being input by members of the LDS (Mormon) Church. There was an interesting article about their work in USA Today, concerning the records from Ellis Island."

Note: we are looking forward soon to an article, by Steve, on how to research on the Internet. BMP

DARLEEN J. (BREITHAUPT) MABIE

"Here's another obit: Her husband was Robert V Mabie, Vern E. Mabie, Elias Mabie, Amos Mabie. That's the first I knew her maiden name." Cindy Bryant, #49.

"**MABIE, Mrs. Darleen J.**, Portage, MI, Nov 16, 1998, *Kalamazoo Gazette*. Darleen went home to be with her Lord on Sunday morning, November 15, 1998 at her residence. Darleen was born April 17, 1941 in Traverse City, MI, the daughter of Darwin and Joyce (Langs) Breithaupt. She was an active member of the First Assembly of God Church. She was currently teaching 1st grade at the First Assembly Christian School, where she had been employed for 15 years. Her family, church, and students were always a very special part of her life. She was preceded in death by her father, Darwin; brother, Darry; and brother-in-law, David Bachmann. On July 1, 1962 she was united in marriage to Robert V. Mabie, who survives. Also surviving are son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Christine Mabie of Plainwell; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharilyn and Brian Parsons of Portage; a beloved grandson, Cole Mabie; her mother, Joyce Breithaupt; brothers, sisters, and spouses, Jerilyn and Jim Johnston, Brenda Bachmann,

Cheryl and Terry Buyze, Patricia Breithaupt, Chris and Gwen Breithaupt, Shelley and George Broad, Bette and Ron Hall, Martin and Lisa Breithaupt; in-laws, Barb Breithaupt, Michael Holmes; and many nieces and nephews. Services for Mrs. Mabie will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at the First Assembly of God Church ... with Rev. Phillip McElhenny officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery. ... Darleen will always be remembered for her undying faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and will always be loved for her abounding compassion and concern for all those with whom she came in contact, especially her family and students."

A LONG ROAD TO FIND BENJAMIN MAYBEE

Information about Benjamin Mabie and his family came from a rather roundabout source. John Mabey, brother of Ross Mabey, #202, learned about this branch of the descendants of Tobias Maybee, who had settled in Port Hope, Ontario, Canada (both Ross and John are from Australia). John has a correspondent, who had also been corresponding with Jarvis D. Stoddart. Mr. Stoddart was in charge of the National Film Board of Canada's office in London. The correspondent provided John with some pages of a booklet having information on the origin of that branch of the family, which settled in Canada. One of Mr. Stoddart's sources was our own, Peter Johnson, #11.

"Benjamin Maybee, born in the United States. According to the local newspaper articles at the time of Jane Snyder Maybee's 100th birthday (1929), Benjamin was a grandson of Tobias Maybee who had fought on the Loyalist side during the American Revolution. (The Loyalist connection seems doubtful however as Tobias appears on no official U.E.L. list.) He was of medium height - stout. He was a farmer and lived on the 'old farm' across from Ravenscourt. Benjamin Maybee died two miles from Rice Lake from accidental poisoning and was buried at Beudly." The source also lists two wives and 10 children and some grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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

SYLVANUS MAYBEE

Marcus R. "Dick" Mabee, #130, shared this information and clipping with us. "Sylvanus Mabee was the brother of my great, great grandparent John Mabee, and one of the sons of Jacobus Mabee. As many of us know, there was a John Mabee who was scalped by the Indians as pretty much described in *Drums Along the Mohawk*. My forefather John was named after his brother. John was scalped and killed in approximately 1777 and my forefather John was born in 1781. An interesting point regarding Sylvanus'

store is that he was one of the very, very first white settlers in Buffalo, New York and was located on the very ground that the office building that I work in is located in downtown Buffalo.

BUFFALO TIMES DEC. 13, 1921

COURT-MARTIAL HERE IN 1807

The Code of Honor was frequently resorted to in pioneer days, as we know from the tragic death of Alexander Hamilton at the hands of ill-fated Aaron Burr and even later Burr fought a duel in New Jersey arising from a quarrel, due to Burr's acquisition of certain lands from the Holland Land Company, bordering on Lake Ontario.

But, the first military quarrel and challenge under the code of honor, likewise the first court martial under military law occurred in Buffalo in 1807 and although it had its comedy features, it was by no means a burlesque for the unhappy principal in the affair, Major Sylvanus Maybee.

Fierly Challenge

Sylvanus Maybee was a pioneer merchant here and bought the lot at the northeast corner of Main and Seneca streets from the Holland Company, the lot on which the Marine Trust's eighteen story home office now stands.

In 1807 all of the territory now embraced in Erie and Niagara counties was embraced in Genesee county and the state government had made a big effort to form a militia regiment in Genesee County, with Asa Ransom, the pioneer silversmith here, as lieutenant colonel commanding; Timothy S. Hopkins and Sylvanus Maybee as majors and William Warren, one of the several captains of companies.

An 'officer training' had been ordered held in Buffalo (then the Village of New Amsterdam if you please). Maybee had been promoted from captain of a Buffalo Company, to major and he imagined that it was his duty, and privilege, to nominate his own successor as a captain. Colonel Ransom claimed the prerogative and a serious clash ensued, after Maybee had used harsh words to his superior officer, followed by a challenge from Maybee to Ransom, inviting him to settle 'on the field of honor'. This, of course, was not according to the peculiar code.

Maybee Drummed Out

Major Maybee did not get his chance to shoot at Colonel Ransom, for sending a challenge to his superior officer constituted a serious infraction of military law and Maybee was immediately ordered under arrest; a court martial was ordered from military headquarters at Albany; Maybee was duly tried, found guilty; sentenced to be cashiered and thus Maybee dropped out of the militia. The discomfited Major felt so deeply humiliated by his dismissal that he immediately sold out his interests here, ceased paying for his corner lot and disappeared from this region. He did not renew his challenge and no duel was fought.

Ransom at that time had given up his little shop in Buffalo and had started a tavern near Clarence and he became a foremost citizen there, abandoning his military office when elected sheriff of the county. Ransom Creek is named in his honor, also the village of Ransomville. His son and grandsons became foremost settlers on Grand Island in later years.

Timothy S. Hopkins became a brigadier general during the war of 1812 and Capt. William Warren, who was a witness at the court martial of Major Maybee, became a major-general of the militia."

The Rest of the story

Dick tells us, "After Sylvanus was cashiered and drummed out to the Militia, he went to Cattaraugus, where he had set up another Indian trading post, and we believe married a Seneca Indian woman. There is a large contingency of Seneca Indians who use the Maybee spelling in their name. The Seneca Nation occupies the Cattaraugus Reservation as well as a band of Senecas who occupy the Tonawanda Reserve. Both of these reservations are just a few miles from Buffalo. The Cattaraugus Senecas actually consider themselves a separate unit from the Tonawanda Senecas, who are part of the Six Nations. The Cattaraugus Senecas are considered a sovereign nation unto themselves. It would be interesting to explore this American Indian Maybee family, and I am going to make some efforts to do so in the near future. I would very much like to hear from anybody who has information regarding Sylvanus and his family."

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Looking for John Maybee, found a cousin:

Tom Lutge writes, "I would like to thank you for putting a notice in our last issue asking for help looking for my ancestor John Maybee (1821). I have not heard from anyone pertaining to his ancestors, however it did put me in touch with Wallace Maybee. Through past issues of The Communicator, I knew Wallace and I were cousins. My Great-Grandfather (Linzey) and his Grandfather (Munson) were brothers. They were sons of John, our common link.

Walt (as he signs his letters) had sent me some info on Munson and John, some which I had known through previous issues. Something I did not know was that when President Lincoln called for volunteers, John and Munson both enlisted together in Co. K-60 Ohio Volunteers in 1861. At age 13, this made Munson, one of the youngest volunteers in the Union Army. I find this exciting for I am gathering information on my Maybee-Bates ancestors and am going to put it in a booklet form for my relatives, and this will definitely be in it."

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ROLLAND HARPER MAYBEE, 1901

"Are you aware of the following books by Rolland Harper Maybee which are located in the Library of Michigan? It appears we had a prolific historian in the family.

- 1.MICHIGAN'S WHITE PINE ERA, 1840-1900.(1960)
- 2.MT. PLEASANT AREA AND CHIPPEWA INDIAN CENTENNIAL, MT. PLEASANT, MICHIGAN, JULY 1(1964)
- 3.POPULATION GROWTH AND DISTRIBUTION IN LOWER MICHIGAN, 1810-1940 / ROLLAND H. MAY(1947)

4.PROUDLY WE SERVE : HISTORICAL SKETCH OF CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE BY ADMINISTRATIONS (1955)

5.RAILROAD COMPETITION AND THE OIL TRADE, 1855-1873 / BY ROLLAND HARPER MAYBEE.(1940)

6.STORIES OF EARLY SAGINAW : FOR THE ELEMENTARY GRADES OF SAGINAW COUNTY / PREPARE (1952)" Bob Frei, #234

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Mel Maybee #50 sent their names to us.

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Westley Christian Lutge, was born October 3, 1993. His favorite things are camping out, playing Pajama Sam (a game on his grandfather's computer) and being a member of clubs. He loves going to the health club with grandpa and is a member of the Beanie Baby Club. He loves cool shields, and has a picture of our coat-of-arms in his room. At 5 years old, could he be the youngest Maybee Society Member

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Joanna was born in Orpington, Kent, England and is a descendant of John Maby (1806-1856) who was born in Bristol, England. His wife was Mary Hart. She says there is a John Maby, b. 1779 in Winterhorne, Gloucester or Bristol, who is the son of Michael and Jane Mabey (later spelled Maby in the same parish) but has not proven a connection.

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