

# **MARCH 2000**

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I tallied up the scores of your replies to my question about what was most valuable to you in the Communicator. Since the items were rated in importance from 1 to 7, I gave a score to the ratings as follows; No. 1 got 7 points, No. 2 got 6 points, etc. Where someone rated several items equally by marking them with an "X", those got 3 points. Using this system, the scores were as follows: Genealogical – 125, Historical – 106, Biographies – 83, Queries – 77, Member Stories and Old Obits got 67 points each. Among the items for "Other", members wanted to make sure that we always included New Members.

# REUNIONS, PAST AND PRESENT;

MABIE REUNION IN NEW YORK – JULY 2000: Kim and Gary Mabie report that the Mabie reunion is the weekend of July 22. Last year there was a wine and cheese party on Friday evening and people talked and got acquainted. On Saturday morning they met at the Historical Society library and everyone got to see some of the research data. There was a picnic and program in the afternoon, with Belva and Jack speaking. Gary says, "We tried to set up a Mohawk River cruise for Sunday morning but there were not enough takers. We can see if we can again, but have to have enough interest. What we ended up doing was taking a walk around the historic stockade district and then lunch at a place on the walk - and out to our house and for a brief boat ride. It was fun-everyone finally getting to meet.

Kim and Gary will be sending out information to everyone shortly about this year's reunion.

# CHARLIE AND PANSY MAYBEE REUNION

Mel and Garland Maybee, Member #56, sent information that the Maybee Millennium Reunion of Pansy and Charlie Maybee Siblings and Offspring will be June 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. The location has not been settled yet. It will either be at Waubonsi Park, Iowa or at David Maybee's in Nebraska City. June 29<sup>th</sup> will be a gathering of the clan and a picnic will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup>. July 1<sup>st</sup> will be a 'do it yourself' day of boat rides, trolley rides and so on. Kenny Maybee will send out letters to members of the family.

# **FLORIDA REUNION:**

Jack says there is no reunion in Florida this year. He is willing to work with whoever wants to take charge of the Florida reunion for 2001. Let's have ideas and suggestions from all of you.

# 75<sup>TH</sup> SOUTH VALLEY MABIE, MABEE, MABEY, REUNION - 1999:

John A. Maybee (Jack) reports: "The reunion was held August 8<sup>th</sup> at Mick and Barb Kineke's place between Richfield Springs and Herkimer, New York. This year most of the family was from central and eastern New York, although Mary Lou Bach is from Pennsylvania. They were mostly of the South Valley family, even though their current chairman, Jesse Williams, is from the Jacobus line and I am from the Abraham line. I don't believe any others were there. About 40 or 50 people showed up in an off again, on again misty rain. We ate under the tents, so most of us didn't get too wet and we were well dressed for the cool weather. The largest family group was Louella Brodie's, but Mary Mabie had Wayne, Brenda and Karl with her and Herbert's family was well represented. Howard was there from Port Crane, near Binghamton, and Karl came from Syracuse.

We had a pleasant time meeting many friends and renewing acquaintances. There was too much to eat and even the young ones got enough dessert. There was a very successful auction of donated items. This was Mary's idea about five to eight years ago and it seems to have caught on and has become an annual event."

#### THOMAS SHAUGHNESSY



Our member, Tommy Shaughnessy #260 writes to tell us of the passing of his father, Thomas Shaughnessy on November 27, 1999. "He was

born December 1, 1928 in Jersey City, New Jersey. He had been sick for more than 7 years on and off, but in October of last year we found out that he had an Aortic Aneurysm. Well, the aneurysm burst the morning of November 27, 1999. He died on the couch and in his sleep. It was nice and peaceful, the way he wanted. The doctor called us to say that he was sorry and that he never had a family take such good care of a family member. He also told us that he was in shock because my dad was so sick that he should not have lived as long as he did. Just shows you if you have the will to live you surely can. He was buried on my birthday of December 1999."

#### MAYBEE BABY FIRST BABY OF MILLENIUM From the Davis County (Utah) Clipper

(Bill Maybee, Member #25, sent us this information.)



Sage Maybee (a boy) born 1-1-00 at 12:09 a.m.; Parents Katalina and Dallin Maybee of Salt Lake City, Utah. Weight: 7 lbs. 6 oz. 21-1/2"

long. Sage is Katalina and Dallin's first child and was 3 weeks early. Parents received a glider rocker, footstool and case of diapers donated by the hospital and a gift basket filled with blankets, bears, certificates and savings bonds donated by local merchants.

The parents chose Davis North because of plans to move to the Kaysville area. Katalina is an identical triplet of Kim Davidson of Layton. "I liked the midwife we chose (Gretchen Faucett)" Katalina Maybee said. "I will be staying home with the baby. Father (Dallin) works for Morning Star dance group. He's a Native American dancer, travels all over the world." In fact he had just returned from performing in Europe and was due to dance at First Night activities in Salt Lake City. His middle name is Gray Storm. Mother and son were due to head home last Monday staying with the Davidsons. She expressed thanks for the gifts from the hospital, "especially since we weren't really prepared" yet for the new arrival.

#### LOOKING FOR ROOMMATE:

Wanda Devary is looking for a woman who used to be Joanne Mabie. That was her maiden name in 1957. She went to high school in London, England for a short period and that was where Wanda met her. They were roommates. She says she believes Joanne was from the Dakotas originally. Thanks for any help you can give. Wanda. Reply to <u>devary@southernet.net</u>

## JEAN SIEBARTH IN THE NEWS AGAIN

<u>Mary</u> Edith Ward, who is Member #142, sent us this article about Jean Siebarth (Member #001), which recently appeared in the Evening News Monroe from Monroe Michigan.

## MAYBEE MEMORIES – By Scott Neinas

Jean Siebarth sits in front of the public library, across from the old Village hall on Raisin St. in downtown Maybee. Mrs. Siebarth wrote a historical account of the Maybee area.



"It's hard to talk about the Village of Maybee without making at least one bad joke. That said, it makes Jean Siebarth's accomplishment that much more admirable. She wrote an entire book on Maybee and Grape without resorting to one wisecrack. "I guess I was too serious when I was doing it," Ms. Siebarth said. Siebarth has had some practice writing about Maybee. In 1973, as the village celebrated its centennial, she put together a book that capsuled the area's history. The 900 or so copies sold "right away" and she began collecting material for a second, more detailed book. Last year, Ms. Siebarth finished the sequel. The updated version also included a written and pictorial history of Grape, Michigan, which had never been done.

The writing of the book was a refuge for Ms. Siebarth. She was faced with the deteriorating health of her mother, who she stayed with and cared for until her death last year. Ironically, one of Mrs. Siebarth's greatest accomplishments came at a time of one of her greatest losses. Her mother had died five minutes before the first copy of the book was handed to Jean in the hospital. " The book has a detailed history of both Maybee and Grape. The villages are chronicled by testimonials that Ms. Siebarth has heard over the years as well as a telling collection of photos, many of them from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The book tells about more than the village's schools and municipalities. It has sections dedicated to doctors, banks, grist mills and elevators, telephone history, church history, farm history and family histories.

You can read about a German Cornet band and a turn-of-the-century Maybee baseball team. Maybee grew up around an outgrowth of the Canadian Southern Railway spur line, which was completed in 1873. The village started near the gristmill and sawmill of Abram Maybee, for whom the community was named.

Ms. Siebarth, a history minor in college before getting certified as a kindergarten teacher, knows that it is people that make history.

The book, "Maybee, Michigan – History of the Village" sells for \$18, including tax. Those interested in purchasing the book can call Ms. Siebarth at 734-587-3155 or write her at 9381 Day Rd., Monroe, Michigan.48162.

# **QUERIES:**

#### NANCY ANN MAYBEE:

Lori Graham wrote asking for information on the person below. I don't have any information in my files, but was hoping someone out there might be able to her. She says,

"I am looking for any info you may have in your records on **Sidney Smith Steenburg/Steenberg**, born in August 1833 who was married to **Nancy Ann Maybee**. I downloaded your Maybee GEDCOM file. I looked at the individual list and noticed you have Nancy Ann Maybee as the daughter of Ephraim Maybee and Catherine Gunter. There are children in that marriage. I am not sure how many, one of them is named Amos."

lori.graham3@sympatico.ca

## MORE MAYBEE MILLIONS?

Chuck Rose from Santa Rosa, California writes: "What a great website!

I have a problem you may be interested in. You may have heard of this very old rumor. My 2ggf Calvin Woodard was b 1813, baptized at Lutheran St Pauls Church in Minden. Montgomery Co. His parents, according to the church records were named Calvin and Maria. Calvin Jr. married in 1840 to Mary B. Smith in Ionia, MI. Calvin died in Feb 13, 1865, cause and location are unknown. According to letters from Hamilton Colman of Richfield Springs, Otsego CO, NY in 1865 and 1868 written to Calvin's widow, Mary, that Calvin and Hamilton Colman's wife, Nancy Sprague, were siblings. I have been unable to determine how this was so, since the surnames were different (Woodard/Sprague) Nancy's grandfather was Henry House, b 1765 Minden, Montgomery Co NY.

In a letter written in October, 1868, Hamilton Colman explained to Mary Woodard that there was a rumor going around at that time that the government of Holland was holding fifteen million dollars for the heirs of the House and Maybee families. He states that Calvin Woodard's great grandmother was a Maybee. If this is true, then I, of course, am a Maybee descendant.

I have been unable to make a connection between my Woodard/ Woodert line and the **MAYBEE** or HOUSE line. I am supposing the HOUSE line is **HAUS/HAUSS**, etc.

I have these original letters in my possession. Since the 1868 letter mentions the Maybee family you might be interested in having a copy which I will gladly send you. If you can throw any light on ANY of the information contained in this letter, I would be grateful.

Chuck Rose, San Jose, CA chuckrose@prodigy.net.

#### **SEARCHING FOR FATHER:**

Barbara Tanner-Torres writes: "I was given your email address in response to info. regarding my birth name of **Barbara D. .Maybee.** My father was **Dennis Maybee** who gave me up for adoption per my mother's request after her remarriage almost 33 years ago. I am interested in my heritage and would like information if you have any to give or places to find info. I was born in Buffalo, N.Y. 9/23/63. Apparently his mother was adopted as well. This is all the information I have . please email me at BBTorres@prodigy.net

Thank-you for any info. in advance.

## ELIZABETH MABIE HILLIKER:

"I am attempting to establish the lineage of my ancestress Elizabeth (Mabie) Hilliker. She was married in New York to Jacob Hilliker, circa 1742. Any information on her ancestors and descendants would be most appreciated. Many thanks. " Ryan D. Wood, Lunenburg, VT Email: woodr97@yahoo.com

#### SEARCHING FOR ENGLISH MAYBEES

We had several letters from people who are looking for Maybees in England. The first one is from Lynn (Maybee) Watson. She says:

"My name is Lynn (Maybee) Watson and I am searching for **Harry Maybee** of Chichester, England Harry was born in 1801 and died on Dec. 12, 1861. He married **Martha Charrett** who was born in 1800 and died on Oct. 28, 1871 They had four children, James, Henry, Edward and Kate. James emigrated to Canada and he is my Great Grandfather. Any assistance in locating Harry would be appreciated.

# Thank you. My e mail address is

lwatson@golden.net

My mailing address is

125 Naomee Crescent, London, Ontario, N6H 3T6, Canada

The second was from David Edward Maybee.

He says, "I am attempting to trace my own 'roots' via my father **Edward Cecil Maybee** born Isle of Wight, England 1914, died New Zealand, 1970. He made a special point of saying, "I was from a family that could be traced back about 800 years to the south of France with the spelling (Maybee)." I would appreciate any communication and/or information this regarding this."

David Edward Maybee, born New Zealand, 1952. Maybee@xtra.co.nz

Jim Sauchyn of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (jsauchyn@compusmart.ab.ca whose great-great grandmother was Samantha Maybee, greatgranddaughter of **Capt. Abraham Maybee**) asks about the relative of Capt. Maybee who was hung by Americans for treason. Can someone help him with this?

#### **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; twins, Emma Ada Mabey and Alice Kate Mabey, b. Jun 29, 1869; Frederick George Mabey b. May 4, 1870; Baby who died Aug. 14, 1871; William Mabey b. Mar. 29, 1873.

## MABIE CHILDREN ON TV:

Jon Von Briesen, Member # 213 writes::

"I am going to say the date was Friday, the third of December. That evening, I heard something from the TV that caught my attention The show was Brimstone. The basic premise of the show is that Satan has some damned souls that have gone AWOL, back up to earth. The show's protagonist, a recent arrival in Hades, is picked by Satan to return corporeally to earth and round up the run-aways. (It is difficult to understand why Satan would not allow the run-aways to continue to work their evil on earth. Maybe it is a question of the tax base.)

In episode one, one of the target run-aways is a priest who is rounding up a number of boys, in New York City, to act out some drama from Revelation. The priest finds a likely prospect in a school group touring an art museum. When the priest meets the school tour, they are all contemplating a painting of three children. The priest makes some comment on how good life was when the children in the painting were alive. He would know, as he was around, in that day, in a prior incarnation. The painting is (you have no doubt guessed, by now) The Mabie Children. The priest put the date at 1875-1880 I think. We know better." Jon asks where the painting lives. According to the Maybee communicator of November 1997, the painting is at the National Museum of Art at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC. It is in storage now and it is possible to see it by requesting an appointment with a two week advance notice. Write to: Mr. Mark Palombo, Museum Specialist, National Museum of Art, MRC 210 Smithsonian Institute, Washington DC 20560 or call Mr. Palombo at 202-357-1855. The painting is identified by "The Mabie Children", Code Number 1963.12.11. Since the painting was retired to storage in 1987, it makes you wonder when the TV show was filmed (?)

#### STEVE'S REPORT: (Steve Mabie # 257)

I have been plodding through the US Federal Census data, trying to find all of the Mabie (all spellings) households. As of today, I have completed all states through and including 1830.

On another project, I have assembled quite a few 19th century marriage records from states other than New York and New Jersey. All of the Midwest states are included.

Unfortunately, Westchester County in the mid to late 1700s is still giving me a problem, but I have found several records that indicate a branch of the family that has been missed (or mis-assigned) before. It seems that some of the Westchester families strayed occasionally to Green, Ulster and Columbia counties. The most fascinating one is a Henry (not the one in Oyster Bay) who, in the 1770s and 1780s had several children, including sons Adam, Jeremiah and Jacob (among others). This Henry is not mentioned at all in Bob's (Robert Mutrie) book, although his son Adam was mis-assigned to the Henry on Long Island. They are definitely two different Henrys with different wives and different life spans (although both were born about the same time).

Finally, I have been contacted by a growing circle of Mabie researchers who are trying to pin down their lines. In most cases, these involve Westchester, Dutchess and Putnam Counties, and the results have been surprisingly good so far.

Steve sends us this story about a Quaker Mabie.

## THE QUAKER JOHN MABIE

John Mabie was born December 25, 1776. He married Elizabeth Avery in the Hanover Presbyterian Church, Yorktown, Westchester County, NY on November 23, 1797. Shortly after their marriage, they joined the Society of Friends. From the records of the Amawalk (Westchester County) Monthly Meetings, we learn not only John's date of birth, but also that of his wife (April 15, 1778). In addition, the names and birth dates of all of their children are included in the records:

Sarah, born August 26, 1798 Elysa B., born February 1, 1802 Deborah, born October 29, 1804 Elias Hicks, born June 1, 1807 Catherine F., born June 2, 1809 Susannah, born December 27, 1812 Hannah H., born October 29, 1815

According to the Amawalk records, John's wife Elizabeth died on September 19, 1831. On November 12, 1833, John and his daughters Eliza B, Deborah, Catharine F, Susannah and Hannah H., were received in Society of Friends Monthly Meetings in Clinton County, Ohio, on certificate from Amawalk, N. Y., dated September 13, 1833. From the Clinton, Ohio records, we learn that Elysa B. married Jonathan Hadley on December 13, 1842; Catherine married Jonathan Timberlake on April 19, 1837; Susannah married Walter T. Carpenter on September 24, 1834; and, Hannah married David Jones on June 20, 1839.

The sources for this information are: The Society of Friends Monthly Meetings in Amawalk, Westchester County, New York (source: LDS Film 17283) and the Encyclopedia Of Quaker Genealogy.

While it remains to be proven, research indicates that John's father was Abraham, the seventh child of Jeremiah Mabie, who in turn was the son of Caspar Mabie and Lysbeth Schuermans. Abraham was baptized in the Sleepy Hollow Reformed Church on October 17, 1732. His mother was Jeremiah's second wife, Anna Namburgh. In addition to John, other children of Abraham include daughters Charlotte, born 1778, Abigail, born 1780, and Bathsheba, born 1782.

# WILLIAM HENRY MAYBEE AND HENRY MAYBEE



Tyrone L. Maybee Tillson Member # 103, sent these stories from "Days and Ways of Old Damascus, Oregon"

"Probably, my grandparents, William Henry Maybee, and his wife, Hannah, were representative of the early settlers.

Oregon was the life dream of William Maybee. Yet, it was not until his sixtieth year that he reached the fabulous land of fir and fern—where you had to 'lie on your back to see the tops of the trees.'

William was benevolently hen-pecked. Only the twinkle in his eye betrayed the possibility of an independent idea—under enough provocation.

Grandfather got the Oregon fever one day in Humboldt, southeast Kansas, probably in 1879. He just left the team tied to the town hitching post and boarded a train. This was an unbelievable step for the meek and mild little man that he was. But it seemed reasonable to him. He had been a painter and cabinet maker in New Jersey, a Lake Erie sailor, a farmer in Indiana, and a buffalo hunter in Kansas. Now for Oregon at an age of three score years!

Grandma didn't want to go. Her roots had been pulled too many times. Losses, worries, trials and Confederate "bush-whackers" had plagued She was a strong minded woman. her. Grandpa wouldn't risk debating with her. He just went and wrote for her to follow. It was a clinching argument. By that time it took little persuading for Grandma to make up her mind. My father, eldest of the family took charge of a sale that disposed of our farm and household goods. There were serious decisions about what to take with us on the emigrant train. Folks were allowed to take anything they could carry. The big basket lunches were a sight to see. Grandma was fond of birds, so we took a big cage of them with us (our pride was a large red

bird.) She also brought many seeds and starts of plants cherished in the Kansas country. Sadly, these did not survive the change to the Oregon climate.

Pioneer trains across the nation were a miracle, but the journey seemed long and stuffy to a little girl. Anyway, it was safer than the all too recent Indian attacks on the wagon trains to the west (my folks knew the Kellys and Larimers, trail scouts who were lone survivors of a notorious massacre, and had learned photography at the Larimer studio in little Humboldt). Finally, we reached the Golden Gate and sailed for Astoria, then up the great Columbia and Williamette to Portland. It was like a new life to get off the ship and away from seasickness. I was walking barefoot on the shores of the Wondrous Land, which in particular was the Albina waterfront; shortly after—Damascus!

Most of Portland was still on the west side of the river in 1880. Good dirt roads led to the big ferry slips, where toll charges awaited the traveler. Only the Steel bridge was available from 1888, I believe. It was just too far down the river to be of any use to the folks of the south and east side, so we all used the ferry.

Long ago, the Williamette was very wide at Portland, so that children could wade and play along its shallow margins, catching driftwood and flotsam that came eddying into the backwater. I was terribly afraid of the ferry boat, with its hoarse shriek. When grandpa drove down to the slip I covered my eyes with my hands. It seemed to me that our horses might walk off the ferry, carrying the wagon into the deathly depths of the river But it was a groundless fear, because horses are very sensible, and can be counted on to stay away from danger, except in the confusion of fire, when their stable, or customary place of refuge is being destroyed. (To be continued)

## NEW MEMBERS:

Shirley Slater, Member #286. 9645 North Lima Rd. Poland, Ohio 44514 SSlater432@aol.com

She is looking for information on her great grandmother who was **Eliza Maybee** born in 1843 in New York. I am so happy to find this society as I have been searching for years now. Thank you so much for any information you can help me with

Ed Mabie just called. We have a New Mabie: Matthew Guy Mabie b. March 27, 1999 @ Grand Rapids, MI 9# 6oz, 20" long Parents: Michael & Angela Mabie Tree Line: Charles "Ed" Mabie, Lloyd Mabie, Charles Mabie, Joel Mabie, Jeremiah Mabie

# **CORRECTIONS:**

Oops! I made a mistake when I gave you April Thompson, Member # 277's lineage and address.. From her original letter. "I checked the newsletters that you had online and was thrilled to find mention of the Manning Cemetery. Most of the Mabies there are related to me. I was even more happy to find your correspondent had mentioned Peter I. Mabee, who is my Great (5) Also buried there is Peter J. Grandfather. Mabey (yes that many different spellings in the same line!) who is my great (20 grandfather. My mother told me a story about visiting the cemetery when she was young. Her mother always planted a geranium on Peter J's grave. Mom says to this day she can't stand geraniums as they remind her of cemeteries! I still own a lot of the artifacts from that line, including the deeds to the family plots in that cemetery."

She also says that she would like to find other descendants of Peter John Mabey b. 1/1/1829; d. 10/12/1912.

Her email address is

althompson@blazenet.net

Her correct mailing address is: APRIL THOMPSON P. O. Box 448 Biglerville, PA 17307

## EXCERPTS FROM "NOTES ON PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY, ONTARIO, CANADA:"

Around 1615, Samuel de Champlain and Huron Indian war parties passed across the Bay of Quinte on their way to attack Iroquois Indians near the Oswego fort. He was the first white man to see the County. The Order of St. Sulpice, Jesuits priest were there trying to convert and trade with the Indians and Dutch traders from Manhattan and Albany. Two priests near Consecon were Felelon and Trawie. The French Priests abandoned their mission in 1680. The Indians had abandoned the area when the beaver and game were exhausted. The Iroquois were firm allies with the Dutch and British south of the Lake.

Prince Edward County was settled by United Empire Loyalists after the American Revolution Prince Edward County connected to the mainland by a narrow isthmus called the Carrying Place; separated by the Bay of Quinte and its numerous small bays and inlets, forming its northern boundary. The waters of Lake Ontario surround its other three sides. It is sixty miles long and from 2 to 10 miles wide at various points.

At this time, Sir Guy Carleton, Commander in Chief in the British forces in America was instructed in the King's name to:

1. Offer land in the British provinces of Nova Scotia and Quebec.

2. Offer half pay to officers whose regiments would be reduced.

3. Appoint a Royal Commission to provide compensation for losses sustained by Loyalists

Only the ones who proved themselves loyal were to receive land. Officers who served together were to have land together. Third and Fourth Town of Isle were **Ernestown** and **Adolphustown** granted to detachments of the King's Royal Regiment of New York and of Roger's Regiment of New York and Roger's Rangers. These were **Peter Van Alstine's** people. **Marysburgh** people were German, Irish, English soldiers and a few regulars from the

Highlanders. Leader Archibald MacDonnell, the King in 1783, was given 6 million pounds and over one million aces of land to do right by the Loyalists. Lots of about 120 acres were drawn for, but there were many land jobbers. The land was allotted in this way:

To every master of a family, 100 aces and 50 acres for each person of which his family shall consist, to every single man 50 acres, to every non-commissioned officer -200 acres.

To every private man 100 acres and to every person in their families 50 acres.

Field Officers	1,000 to 5,000
Captains	700 to 3,000
Subatains	500 to 2,000
Staff Officers	500
Non-coms	200 to 400
Warrant Officers	s 500
Privateers	50 to 300

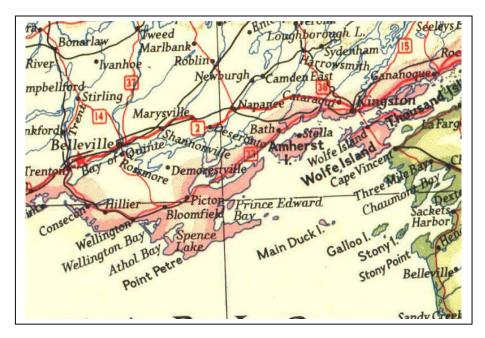
Concession, first base line along waterfront. As settlers moved in -1-1/2 miles back was the 2nd concession. Concession was the French word for conceder, which means to give or grant. Farm lots usually -200 acres; Frontage 1,320 feet and 6,600 feet deep or 1-1/4 miles.

The Family Compact was made up of wealthy friends and members, and they got first choice of Crown lands and speculated with them shamelessly. Many Canadians went west to the States during the Family Compact Period. In 1783 the first permanent settlement was made by Mr. Weese, on the north shore of the Bay of Quinte, in the township of Ameliasburgh.

By 1792 the county was divided into 19 counties by Governor Simcoe.

Mills were located along the rivers emptying into lakes. There were no farms in the county more than seven miles from a wharf or storehouse. An agricultural county, the land was suited to the growth of barley.

First schools: at Albury in Ameliasburgh, Hednersville, Hallowell (Mr. Adams taught), Wellington (Archibald McFaul, an Irish teacher),



Adolphustown was settled by John Weese.

**Ameliasburgh** was named after 7<sup>th</sup> daughter of the King. – John Weese came here from Herkimer Co, NY. Ameliasburgh 7<sup>th</sup> towners were most notorious fighters, 6<sup>th</sup> towners were more mannerly. In Ameliasburgh, Weeses married Dempseys, Redner married Roblins.

**Big Island** – The Thompsons, Shaws and Pecks who lived here were lumbermen.

**Bloomfield** contained 1 boot/shoe store, 2 general sores, 2 water grist mills, 2 steam sawmills, steam shingle and stave factories, planing mills, 1 tannery, 1 woolen factory, a cheese factory, 2 brickyards, 1 post office, 2

telegraph offices, 4 churches (I Methodist, 1 Universalist, 2 Society of Friends.)

**Carrying Place** was a small village. Small boats portaged between the bay and the lake and there were always travelers on horse or in wagons, all stopping at Carrying Place. The Weller business, Wilkins Steamboat landing and Young's tannery and the store Charles Beggar

built after he moved from Robert Young's old cabin were the entire business center. Carrying Place existed because of the old Indian Trail (then part of the Danforth Road) that zigzagged through its middle. putting half the village neatly in Northumberland County, half in Prince Edward. It boasted the oldest county house, a large white frame one which was the Young's. Benjamin Young ran a store and tavern. Robert Young was a genial Justice of the Peace and people came from all over the country to be married by him. Soldiers were often guartered at his home. Peter Van Allstine, a very hospitable man, also lived here. His mill went up in 1796. Halfway between Rednersville and Carrying Place was Francis Weese's house and mill. Ann Weller had a flourishing portage business.

**Consecon** was the biggest and brightest village at the west end of the country (60 people in 1846 and 400 in 1851). A mill town (wheat and barley), whitefish and pickerel and shipbuilding. The Indian name Consecon from con-con meaning big fish (pickerel.) The Maybees, who were farmers, and came to ship their grain down the lake from Consecon, lived in this neighborhood.

**Demorestville** – John Thompson came here from New Castle, England in 1809.

**Kingston:** James Blakely originally from Kingston before changing land grants. Died Oct 25, 1814 at 84 years of age and is buried in Cherry Valley Cemetery.

**Mountain Mills** and **Stone Mills** were two villages that grew out of Peter Van Allstine's efforts.

**Marysburgh** - First burial ground was Lutheran near water on lake side of North Marysburgh.

**Picton** was named after Maj. General Picton of the British Army and was headquarters of the 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Volunteers.

**Ross** is the oldest burying ground situated on the lake front between the Rock and the Point.

**Sophiasburgh** – home of Jacobus and James Peck. Samuel Peck was first on Big Island. Mrs. John Maybee was married in Sophiasburgh in 1807. She had a woolen drugget made from coarse, felt-like wool once considered good enough only for petticoats. She was thought most elegant. by town

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## COMPUTER SITES OF INTEREST:

From Wayne Barnes (waynebar@home.com) For descendants of Leah Mabee b. 1750 who married Peter Montross, you might be interested in checking out Wayne's website at http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/`valwa v/

Cindy Bryant #49 has put her Jeremiah Mabie family onto rootsweb in 2 different places. She will eventually have pictures at this site.

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/`cbry For statistics use the address at worldconnect: This site will show group sheets and pedigree charts. Both sites are indexed: <u>http://wordconnect.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi`</u> <u>bin/igm.cgi?db=cbry</u>

BOTH sites have dates removed for the living. There is much more included than previously, especially the lines of Harriet Mabie Flanagan which have been greatly filled in.

Cindy's original site is <u>www.qtm.net/`cbryant/mabie.html</u> This one has links to the other sites.

John MayBee, Member #8 found a site that has David Maybee, Jr. and his brother Solomon, before they emigrated to Michigan. It is at http://www.globe12000.net/fortklock/bch12.htm

#### OTHER INFORMATION OF INTEREST:

Our President, Jack Maybee ,has sent four of the Dutch letters that were translated by John van Schaick. He will send a copy to anyone who donates \$5.00 for each letter to the Schenectady County Historical Society with the notation that the money is for the Jan Mabee Farm. He says that the Historical Society offers a packet of documents for ten dollars, which contains among other documents, copies of Trientie's letter (with translation), the original van Antwerpen deed to the Farm property and Jan Mabie's will.

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