



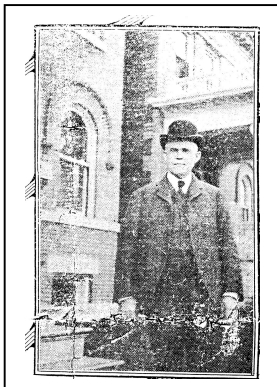
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F. A. MABEE AND COPPER MINES

Excerpts from *The Sunday Oregonian*,
Portland, Oregon July 31, 1910

“A lone prospector wandering through the rugged hills near the headwaters of turbulent Skirt Creek in lower Skamania County, Washington, a few evenings ago, was startled to hear the soft, sweet strains of Verdi’s classic “Rigoletto” floating on the still twilight air. He paused and listened, for such sounds as these he had never heard in that untraveled region before. Spellbound by the music, he waited for a while, then started in

the direction from which the sounds seemed to emanate.

His trained feet and sturdy limbs took in the incandescent lamps and a square upright box whose polished sides shone brightly under the glare of the lights, standing in the center of the room. Around it was gathered a group of 26 or more bright-faced, horny-handed miners clad in the picturesque garb of their profession. As soon as they spied him they bade him a hearty welcome.

He was in the camp of the Washougal Gold and Copper Mining. The piece of furniture which had arrested his first attention was a mahogany “amberola” containing the finest instruments that can be placed in the manufacture of such a machine. This accounted for the music that he had heard far up the hillside.

The cheery disposition of the men and the kindly attention that was shown him soon placed him entirely at ease. He began to ask questions.

“What is the cause of all this?” he inquired.

For an answer one of the men, with a jerk of his head, indicated a little smooth-faced ruddy-cheeked, gray-haired gentleman who stood with his arms folded complacently behind his back, his arms coatless and with brown, telescope hat jauntily on the side of

his head in school-boy fashion. His face beamed with delight as he listened to the music. The stranger had not noticed him before.

“This is Mr. Mabee”, said one of the men who had acted as spokesman. The quiet gentleman stepped forward. He shook the prospector’s hand and told him to make himself comfortable. Victuals and drinks were soon placed at his disposal.

Mr. Mabee, as he soon learned, is president of the Washougal Gold and Copper Mining Company and a general manager of its properties. F. A. Mabee is the way his name appears on the checks.

The company of which Mr. Mabee is the head, owns and operates one of the best equipped and most promising properties in the Pacific Northwest.”

The author goes on to describe in detail the operation of the mine and the outstanding treatment of the workers. He says, “The most lavish comfort has been expended (sic) and daily is being expended (sic) as in the mammoth dining hall and kitchen. The latter compartment is equipped with an immense steel range and all the utensils that are found in a modern hotel. Two tables, always covered with snowy white cloths, run the full length of the dining hall. Porcelain dishes are provided. Much silverware graces the tables. Of the fare itself, the healthy and satisfied appearance of the men and the eager call to meals gives convincing testimony as to its palatable and nourishing qualities. While the food is first of all provided with the idea of keeping the bodies of the men vigorous and healthy, many luxuries are set before them at every meal.

It is in the dining room that the music box, a recent acquisition to the entertainment

features of the camp, has been installed, and it is here that the men gather to while away their spare hours. A library of standard and popular works will be added before the arrival of winter. A wing to the dining room will then house the reading and classical material.”

WAYNE MABIE’S ROAD TO RECOVERY

This story was sent to Maybee Society President, John A. “Jack” Mabie by Earl Mabie, Member #93. Jack says, “Wayne Mabie is a courageous person, who keeps fighting back. He is the son of Gerald and Emily Jane Mabie. He was born August 9, 1952 in Schenectady”.



From *The Times Union*, Albany, New York – April 6, 2000

By Doug Blackburn, Staff Writer

“A white linen napkin is at Wayne Mabie’s side throughout his work shift. He uses it to wipe any spots he detects on the freshly wiped silverware before wrapping two forks and a knife in a fresh linen napkin. Mabie takes roughly one minute to roll each place setting, which he then puts in a bushel basket on the floor at his side. During a four and a half hour shift at Romano’s Macaroni Bar & Grill, Mabie usually fills four baskets.

It may seem like tedious work, but the 47-year old Mabie, a 1971 graduate of Linton High in Schenectady, treasures his position at the bustling Colonie eatery. He’s been

working at the restaurant since Jan 3. It's the first job he's had in seven years.

"It's a very nice restaurant and I'm grateful to be part of it," Mabie says, his speech slow and deliberate. "I've been tempted to ask about working as a dishwasher on a slow day. Standing up and using my hands on a detailed type of thing just isn't in the cards anymore."

Mabie, a former school bus driver who had managed to overcome an early childhood bout of viral encephalitis, was diagnosed in July 1993 with an unusual form of leukemia commonly called "hairy cell" leukemia.

He was one of the first patients in the region to receive a new medication. Prior to that, hairy cell leukemia was almost always fatal.

Thanks to the new medication, 2-cda, Mabie was able to beat back the cancer. But it wasn't easy, and the side effects were as close to devastating as can be.

With his immune system weakened as a result of the treatments, Mabie developed a virus in October 1993 that was diagnosed as either meningitis or encephalitis syndrome. He was hospitalized for 53 days and ever since has relied on either a wheelchair or a walker to get about.

There were other debilitating side effects beyond a loss of balance. Mabie's brain stem and cerebellum swelled as he fought off the viral infection, leaving him with permanently hampered cognitive functions, notably slowed processing.

"If you think of your brain as a car battery," Mabie explains candidly, "it's like I've got a corroded battery. Instead of having millions of cells working all the time, I'm told I have maybe a couple hundred thousand."

The road to recover can be likened to the fable of the hare and the tortoise. The race does not go to the swiftest. Slow and steady are required.

Mabie needed seven years of various kinds of therapy before he was able to re-enter the working world. Physical therapy at Sunnyview Hospital and Rehabilitation Center in Schenectady and Cognitive therapy at Neuro Psychological Rehabilitation Services in Chatham.

"His disease has remarkably been in continuous remission," says Dr. Peter Lamparello, the oncologist who treated Mabie for leukemia. "He's pulled through a lot of adversities and his long term prognosis is excellent. Wayne has a lot of spirit."

Living Resources, a Schenectady-based nonprofit organization which works with people with disabilities, has been coordinating Mabie's recovery for the past three years. It helped him move last year from the Schenectady YMCA where he had lived in a single room for 14 years, to B-nai B-rith Parview Apartments, the assisted-living senior housing complex in Albany. It also helped Mabie land his job at Macaroni Bar & Grill.

"The restaurant was looking for someone, wanting to reach out to the community, and I was trying to find a good job match for Wayne," says Frank Pandon, a Living Resources employment counselor. "I figured this would be a nice quiet atmosphere for him without any distractions. He had wanted to be in a video store."

Mabie works less than 20 hours a week, four days of short shifts that end before most people have even started thinking about lunch. He sits at a table near the back of the

restaurant, occasionally interfacing with other employees, wrapping silverware with linen. This job quite clearly defines his life. When Mabie's alarm rings, Jay Leno and David Letterman are signing off. He starts work at Romano's Macaroni Bar & Grill at 7 a.m., but gets himself up at half-past midnight. He knows his routine, all he has to do to get ready in the early morning.

"I know how long it takes me to get ready," Mabie explains. "That's why I usually go to bed by four in the afternoon. I get my eight hours of rest before I do it all over again."

He takes a bus that drops him off at 6 a.m. at the Burger King across Wolf Road from the restaurant. By 6:45 Mabie has navigated his way across the five-lane road, thanks to his rolling walker, and is waiting for the first manager to show up.

On January 13, the day much of the Capital Region was shut down with the first snowstorm of the winter, Mabie was patiently waiting at the entrance at 6:45. When Al Bouyea and John Hosler, the two managers, failed to arrive on time, he returned to Burger King. Every half-hour Mabie strolled back across the street, finally giving up on the eatery at 10 a.m.

Bouyea, the general manager, finally arrived at 10:30 a.m. that day. "No one is more dependable or reliable than Wayne," Bouyea says. "He's doing a great job for us".

Observes Kevin Kather, coordinator of the acquired brain injury program at Living Resources, "Wayne prided himself on working. That was his life. He would work many, many hours. It was a major blow to him when he realized he couldn't go back to his driving.

"People with head injuries usually take several years, if at all, to realize that their life has changed and they can't go back to the life they led before. When Wayne finally accepted that, it really opened the door for him to accept other types of jobs. He really has come to accept the limitations and he doesn't dwell on them."

Mabie claims he doesn't tire of the incessant Italian melodies booming through the public address system at Macaroni Bar & Grill. It's better than listening to the Led Zeppelin tapes the kitchen staff occasionally plays.

And while he is prohibited from driving a school bus, in March 1999 Mabie was approved for personal use of a motor vehicle after attending Sunnyview's driver assessment program for three years.

"I do miss driving. Commercial driving had been my ambition since I was 8 years old," Mabie says. "I may nonetheless rent a tractor trailer for personal use."

PRUDENCE MATHER MABEE

President Jack Maybee sent the following obituary. He says this line is from Jan Pieter's son, Peter.

"Prudence Brattle Mather Mabee, 85, died May 9, 2001 suddenly after suffering years with Alzheimer's. Prudence was the daughter of Adrian Whitford Mather and Jessie McNair Mather, both deceased, of Albany, New York. She was a graduate of the St. Agnes School, Albany, New York and Wheelock College, Boston.

After graduation from Wheelock, she established a year-round nursery in her home in Albany, New York until her marriage to Douglas Williams Mabee, Saratoga Springs, New York in July, 1940. Initially they lived in New York City, then Rye, New York after

which they established numerous residents (sic) upon his retirement in 1970, Stratton Mt., Vermont, Egertown, Maine, Sawgrass CC, Ponte Vedra, Florida, Linville Ridge, North Carolina, Vicars Landing, PVB.

She was a member of the New York Junior League and the 10th Twig of the United Hospital, Port Chester, New York. Her ancestors are the first Governor of Missouri, Alexander McNair, and Rev. Richard Mather of Boston, one of the founders of Harvard College.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Douglas W. Mabee, Ponte Vedra: daughters, Martha Mabee, Ponte Vedra and Maria Mason, Bainbridge Island, Washington: son, Douglas Mather Mabee, Saratoga Springs, New York and five grandchildren, also many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held Friday, May 18, 2001, 10 a.m. at Vicars Landing Chapel, the Reverend Jerald Ralston, officiating. Burial will be in Greenfield Cemetery, Saratoga Springs, New York in July.”
(Craig Funeral Home and Crematory, St. Augustine, Florida.)

QUERIES:

Jill Brewer, Melbourne, Australia, writes, “Found your Maybee website which is interesting. I am trying to trace the **Mabey family from Ditcheat, Somerset** between 1790 and 1810. Do you happen to know if any of your members have looked at this branch?

Thanks and regards,
(wgerardi@bigpond.net.au)

From: **Donald Stanford**", Member #289
Donald wants to know if any of Stephen and Abigail Penny Mabie descendants have any pictures of **Henry Ter Bush Hannay and his**

wife Minerva Mabie. There should be some out there. He says, “I have several of Minerva’s family pictures. I have George, Samuel, Enoch, and Mrs. Stephen G. (Phebe) Mabie.

Thanks, Don Stanford
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Rita J. Leon writes, “My grandmother, **Kate Maybe**, was born mid 1850s in either Devon or Cornwall England. She may have had siblings who went to the United States Does anyone have knowledge of her family?

Rita. J. Leon

Cezar@old-rectory-lodge.freemasonry.org.uk>

Tommy Shaughnessy, Member #260, writes:

“Does anyone have information on the **Mabies** in **Greenwood Cemetery** in Brooklyn, New York?. Also, I would like to know if anyone has seen any death certificates of a family member who has worked in the Mabie Pen Factory. I have found out that my Great Grandfather **George Marquis**, who was married to **May Ida Mabie** was working in the factory. They lived in south Brooklyn not far from the factory. I looked at my Great-great-grandmother’s death certificate (**Maria Braden Mabie**) and it showed her address as Lawrence Street Brooklyn. I had my aunt go to the address on her lunch hour and she said it was a tenement. and two blocks from the factory. What I’m thinking is that this might be my line.

I’m sure I can’t be the only one who knows of our ancestors buried in Greenwood. I should be going there this month or the next .to see if I can find any of the graves. I have found the grave of the pen factory owner,

George W. Mabie and his wife and son, a very nice and large stone. I will have a picture scanned I took of the stone and send it to you to put in the next newsletter. I was

happy to see new member, Dr. Jan #297, lives in Brooklyn.

I'm going to call Dr. Jan today and see if we can meet and see what we have. Maybe we can get together to go to Greenwood - four eyes are better than two. “

Tommy Shaughnessy
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WE GET LETTERS

One of the perks of being “Executive Secretary” is the wonderful letters I receive.

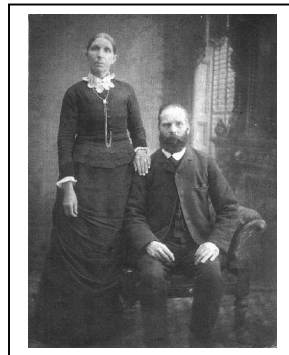
There are so many outstanding people in the Maybee Society. **Gloria Mabie**, Member # 45, is one of these. She works in a program sponsored by her church which teaches English as a second language to people from other countries. The organization, which is celebrating its 25th year, began originally to help Japanese ladies feel more at home.

The free program, run by volunteers, provides childcare at low cost. The students also learn about American customs and culture. It offers conversation classes on every level. The participants learn how to talk on the telephone, speak with their doctor, child's teacher or the police, and other such diverse activities as how to drive in bad weather and to go shopping in the supermarket.

It was nice to receive a letter from **Don Acheson**, Member #132, who has been inactive for a while. He is recovering from open heart surgery. He mentions that his eye sight is bad.

For his benefit, and those of you who have trouble reading this newsletter, if you will let me know, I will send your copy in larger print, font size 14. This is an example of font size 14.

Jim Sauchyn, who is not a Maybee Society Member, but a regular contributor, wrote, and sent us these photos.

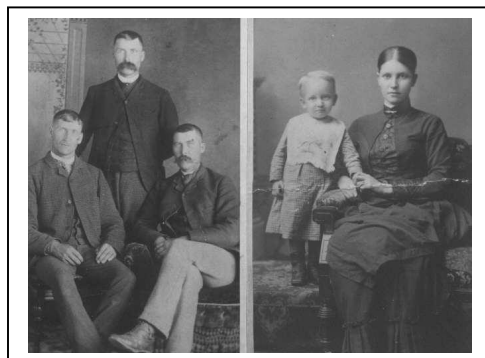


Samantha and David Youmans

(Probably taken in late 1800's)

Samantha was born March 6, 1839 in Ontario and died February 1, 1911 in Denbigh, Ontario. She was the daughter of Abraham Peter Maybee and Mary Campbell. Abraham was the son of Peter Maybee and Catherine Huff, and Peter was the son of Captain. Abraham Maybee UEL and Gerritjie Hogencamp.

David Youmans was born April 1834, in Ontario, Canada and died. April 9 1912 in Tweed, Ontario. He was the son of Eleazer Youmans Jr. and Marie Laveck.



On the left: Joseph Henry Youmans, David Youmans and Samantha's oldest child

On the right: Cathern Amelia Youmans Lane and her son is James Lane

On the left, the three men, circa 1880, are: left to right – Joseph Henry Youmans, Jim’s great-grandfather, and David and Samantha’s oldest child born in 1858, Ontario; then two Maybee first cousins, David, born 1860, son of Samantha’s brother Henry Maybee, and Abe born in 1858, son of Samantha’s brother Malcolm.

Henry also married a Youmans, Mary Youmans, daughter of Aaron Youmans, David Youman’s uncle.

On the right, the pretty young lady with the child is David and Samantha’s daughter Cathern Amelia Youmans Lane, born in 1867, and her son, James Lane, born in 1884. Cathern’s husband, Samuel James Lane, was the cousin of Joseph Henry Youman’s wife Josephine Lane.



Unknown girls – Maybee cousins?

This photo of two unknown young ladies is from Jim’s grandmother’s collection. It’s suspected they are two Maybee cousins. It was taken about 1910 near Denbigh or Tweed, Ontario.

Jim says, “Feel free to publish these photos with my email and home address in case any relatives see it and wish to contact me. I’m of course doing a genealogy and always looking for more. I’m finding it very interesting to be a Maybee descendant.

Thank you, Jim Sauchyn

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Steve Mable, #257 writes As I am sure that you heard, the LDS has transcribed the entire 1880 census and put it on a set of CDs. I purchased a set for myself. I found some people that I’ve been trying to find for years.

Of course, there are the normal errors that occur in any transcription, so my plan is to use the CDs as a starting point for the entire Mable/Maybee family and to verify the transcriptions from the census films (the CD tells what page and film all of the entries are from). E-mail: SMable@aol.com

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER:

KEVIN MABEE #306
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Rochester, NY 14612

His membership was sent in by his aunt, Eleanor (Ellie) Schneck, Member #129. . Kevin is the son of Richard Harold Mabee of Rochester, who died in 1993.

UPDATE OF LINES OF RESEARCH:

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Gareth Edward Maybee BA,LLB,QC & Phyllis Marion Fryer; James Edward Maybee 1886 & Annie Augusta Short 1867; James Edward Maybee 1842 & Emily Windscheffel 1839; Harry Maybee 1801 & Martha Charrett; Harry Maybee 1776 & Margaret Speck; John Maybee 1744 & Jane Holloway 1734; Harry Maybee 1720 & Hannah Martin.

WILLIAM COAST CONKLING, JR.- #300

479 Green Village Road
Green Village, NJ 07935-0105

Wm. Coast Conkling 1891 & Doris Irene Maybee 1909; Caspar Dana Maybee 1886 & Grace Angenette Thomas 1886; George Dickson Maybee 1840 & Anna A. Hall 1854; Levi Maybee 1811 & Betsey Pressy 1808.

BRADT FAMILY NEWS

In March, 2001, the Bradt family announced the formation of an official Bradt Family Society with a website up and running, plans for next year's reunion underway and the family newsletter to resume publication. E-mail: rbbratt@juno.com. Membership dues are \$10.00. Send checks to Bradt Family Society, P.O. Box 56, Mechanicville, NY 12118-0056.

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