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REPORT FROM MEMBERS:

We thought it would be interesting to hear from your, our members in this issue.

ALICE E. MCDOWELL, MEMBER #6

She says that after reading the “Families in the Maybee Society Data Base” she noticed the name Hiram Maybee #7. She says that if he happens to be the Hiram who went from Illinois to Douglas City (?), Trinity County, California in 1850 or 1851, she can give his descendants more information about his ancestry.

Her address: Alice E. McDowell,
2235 Providence St., Eugene, Oregon,
97401.

ANGELA AND PETER JOHNSON, MEMBERS #11

It is always interesting to get letters from Peter and Angela. They have unique notepaper, which features pictures of many of their ancestors.

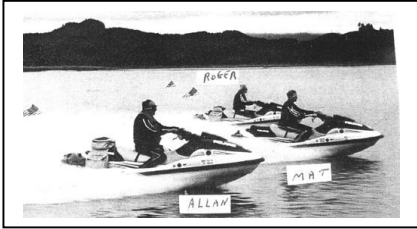
GLORIA MABIE, MEMBER #4

Gloria writes, “I have been in touch with Robert Quackenbush who Barrie met at a Holland Society meeting in New York City last year. He is a well-known writer and illustrator. I will send you a copy of some materials he has sent me so you get an idea what he is doing.

The main thing to know is that he has written a book about **Wyn Mabie**, a heroine of the American Revolution. She became a Mabie by marriage to **Abraham Mabie**, and she successfully captured papers that were secretly left behind when Washington’s headquarters moved out of the Morris-Jermel House in the Bronx. This is a true story written for young people on the third grade reading level. It is available now in hard and soft cover for a few dollars.

Barrie reminds me that there are mentions of Mabies in other literature. He’s just reread “*Drums Along the Mohawk*” by Walter D. Edmonds. (See pages 322 through 327.)”

MEL BOB MAYBEE #50



Allan, Roger and Mat

He says, “The most eventful thing that happened to GG and Mel this past year (and one of the most eventful of their lives) was being on the jet pilot boat that guided brother Allan Maybee, Roger Melton and Mat Maybee from Astoria, Oregon to the mouth of the Columbia River, across the infamous “bar” and into the Pacific Ocean on July 22, 2001.

This was the conclusion of their historical trip called “Sea to Shining Sea” on three Polaris Genesis Personal watercraft with 1,200 cc engines generating 135 horsepower. Jet skis named after Lewis and Clark and Sacagawea (the young Indian lady who helped Lewis and Clark on their 1804 expedition from St. Louis to Astoria, Oregon.)

They began their epic journey on the 9th of June 2001. (I believe their theme was to join the past with the present and forward into the future.) They began in Biloxi, Mississippi, where the mayor gave them a big send-off by naming that day the ‘*Maybee and Melton Day*’. A guide helped them cross the Gulf of Mexico to New Orleans where they encountered an unusual and treacherous first tropical storm of the season, “Allison”, that caused them to get lost in the Mississippi Delta. So on north to the Missouri River and beginning of the Lewis and Clark journey, continuing north they made a stop at Allan Maybee’s

hometown of Nebraska City, Nebraska on the 24th of June 2001 and on north and west until the Missouri River ended. Then they went westward on the Jefferson River, portage to Lewiston, Idaho on the Snake River to join the Columbia River and on west to Astoria, Oregon and on out to the Pacific Ocean on 22 July 2001.

This trip was 5,633 miles. Besides most of their journey being upstream they dodged barges and encountered so much debris that authorities temporarily closed part of the Mississippi River after they passed through. They encountered dense fog, thunderstorms, rough water and a tornado, which wiped out their camp in Montana. Some of the world records they set were:

1. The longest trip for jet skis (5,633 miles)
2. The first south to north and west crossing of the United States by jet skis.
3. The first east to west crossing of the United States by jet skis.
4. The first people to travel the entire length of the Missouri River on Jet skis.
5. First to travel from New Orleans to St. Louis on jet skis.
6. The first Continental crossing by jet skis.

They crossed 16 states in 45 days on this trip. Allan’s son, Mat, ended up being chief vehicle driver, coordinator and about everything else. He could really handle that Jet ski.”



Allan, Mel Bob, G.G. and Mat

Mel Bob says, "Anyway, I doubt if we ever will have the privilege to witness such an historical event again in our lifetime and our hats are off to these three adventurers. We really enjoyed our celebration breakfast the day after at the Red Lion Inn in Astoria, Oregon and we were really honored by their presence."

MONA ROSE MAYBEE, MEMBER #59, writes to tell us that the brother of Orrin Maybee passed away the 8th of January 2002.

REGINALD WILLFRED MAYBEE

"Reginald Willfred Maybee, died 8 January 2002 in Rancho Mirage, California. He was born 30 November 1921 in Niagara Falls, New York, the son of Harold Maybee and Addie Beatrice Smith, who were from Trenton, Ontario, Canada. Reg joined the US Army in 1941 while in the National Guard. He went up through the ranks and went to Europe as a Master Sergeant. He was in the Battle of the Bulge and received a battlefield commission of Second Lieutenant. He was hit with machine gun fire during the worst battle and lost his right arm because of it.

He is survived by his widow, Florence Maybee, of Rancho Mirage, California, daughter, Bonnie Lynn Piersoll of Mesa, Arizona, son Gary Jones of Cypress, California, two grandchildren, Lisa Jones and Michael Jones, brother, Orrin Maybee of Chico, California, sister-in-law, Gladys Maybee of Honolulu, many loving nieces and nephews. His body was cremated."

MARGARET B. MABIE, MEMBER #87

Margaret B. Mabie writes, "Enjoy the news publication. We didn't have a

Reunion again this year –too bad. I was 85 years old Friday and just wasn't able to sponsor one. It is sad to have to discontinue for a while.

I was told by a person in Arizona that he knew a **Captain Maybie** (sp?) in 1932 or 1933 of a ship Memphis. He brought home the Lindberg plane after (Lindberg's) flight across the ocean."

EVELYN M. DANILEVICS, #94

Evelyn says, "I am writing to inform you of the death of my brother **Edmund Wheeler Mabie** (member #89), on February 5, 2002. He and his wife would have observed their 66th wedding anniversary on March 1, 2002. Edmund's two brothers, Charles and George predeceased him. Edmund leaves his wife, **Mercedes Rockefeller Mabie**, a son, Dr. Dan Mabie of Georgia, a daughter, Christine Johnson of Fishkill, New York, two sisters **Patricia Magette** (Member #91) of Ahoskie, North Carolina and myself as well as grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Edmund was 86 years old and at the time of his death was living with his daughter and son-in-law in Fishkill, New York."

D. WAYNE MABIE, CCE, BPS (RET.) #134, writes,

"I am enclosing a letter that was sent out by me after the "Mabie"-Schoharie reunion last August 2001, as we are getting those "Mabies" out of the "South Valley" area and bringing them to the "Mabie/Mabee" Farm on the Mohawk River, Rotterdam Junction just west of Schenectady, New York. It will be a first for both sides and we hope it will continue for years to come!"

David Wayne (better known as D. Wayne) retired after 33 years of teaching. He is a Certified Culinary Educator and Bachelor of Professional Studies.

MABIE FARM REUNION – 2002

At the reunion on August 1, 2001, it was voted on and passed to have the Schoharie Valley Mabie Reunion for 2002 on Saturday, July 27, 2002 at the MABEE farm in Rotterdam Junction, New York, beginning at 11:00 a.m. I told you at that time that I would be the LEAD PERSON to make it happen and here are the results at this time!

Bus Company has been secured and we will need a minimum of 40 persons to keep the cost at \$5.00 per person!

Mabee Farm has been reserved in our name for the entire day (11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Caterer has been secured for a COMPLETE CHICKEN BARBECUE DINNER, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Shirts and Baseball caps with MABIE logo on them have been secured.

Because we DO NOT want to do away entirely with HOME STYLE FOOD, we are asking each to bring a “finger” dessert to go with our ICE CREAM TABLE!!!

I am working on securing a boat trip on the canal (for those of you who want to go.)

I also will be asking in the Spring letter of those who would rather go to the Schenectady Museum to see the Mabie, Mabee, Maybee, etc. artifacts.)

This is an UPDATE INFORMATIONAL LETTER!!! An RSVP letter will be mailed to you next spring for orders of

shirts, caps, bus seats and dinner seats. D. Wayne Mabie”

(NOTE: If you are not on D. Wayne’s mailing list and would like to attend, you can contact him at: 96A West Side Drive, Ballston Lake, NY 12019.)

JOHN WEIHING, MEMBER #138, says,

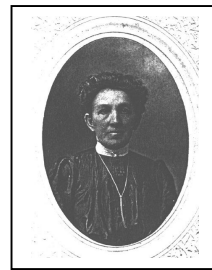
“We like stories of the early Mabees. We are descendants of three of Jan Pieterse and Annetje’s daughters, Eva, who married Cornelius Slingerland, Maria, who married Cornelius Van Dyck and Mietje who married Johannes Fairly, thus anything about Slingerland, Van Dyck or Fairly would also be appreciated.” Their e-mail is: johnweih@prairieweb.com and address is: 1605 Holly, Gering, NE 69341.

(Note: we will try to include more stories about these and other allied lines in upcoming newsletters. Pictures and information are appreciated! Barb)

PATRICIA MABIE #156

In 1997, Patricia Mabie #156, sent this information to Belva.

“Here are some obituaries and pictures of **William Mabie and Sophia Scripture’s** two children, James Dana and Annette. Thought you could print them in your magazine. Aunt Doris Mott gave them to me. She’s Fred Mabie’s sister.”



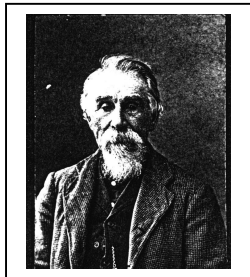
Annette Mabie Gray

“Mrs. Annette Gray, a former resident of Pleasant Brook, wife of Bert L. Gray, passed away suddenly Monday, February 17th, 1936, of heart ailment. She was born at South Valley, February 13th, 1846, the daughter of William Mabie and Ruth Sophia Scripture. Nineteen years ago last June she and her husband moved to Slingerlands to be with her widowed daughter, Dora Korn.

The funeral was held from her late home Thursday at 2 p.m. and the body was placed in the vault until spring when internment will be made at Westford.

The funeral was largely attended and a profusion of beautiful flowers attested to the esteem in which she was held.

The officiating minister was the Rev. Roscoe Tarbox, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she was a member.”



**James Dana Mabie
(May 5, 1827 to April 13, 1909)**

“Evansville, April 14, 1909. The death of James D. Mabie, who passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Levi Sperry, last evening at six o’clock, came as a great shock to his relatives and many friends. His death was due to heart failure and he had been ill only a few hours. He was enjoying his usual good health and walked downtown in the forenoon when he was taken with a severe pain in his side. He summoned a carriage and was taken to his home, where he was tenderly nursed and soon was much easier and apparently better. Shortly before six o’clock his daughter left him and went to the kitchen to prepare his

supper and had been gone only a few moments when she heard a moan and found her father dying. Mr. Mabie would have been eighty-two years old had he lived until the fifth of next month. He was born in Schoharie County, New York. In 1849 he was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Sullivan and in 1857 they came West and settled in Wisconsin near Evansville.

Eight children came to gladden their home, but its happiness was turned to mourning by the death of the wife and mother in 1878. A few years later he married his second wife, Elizabeth Adair, and soon thereafter went to South Dakota where he lived until five years ago when his wife died and he returned to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Sperry. He was a member of the Methodist Church and his absence will be greatly missed for he was always faithful in attendance at service.

He leaves to mourn his loss; six children, Oscar of Janesville, William of Evansville, Dora, Magnolia, Mrs. Levi Sperry, Evansville, Mrs. Nellie Butler, Oakland, California and Mrs. Nettie Wilcox, Janesville. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at two o’clock at the M.E. church and will be conducted under the auspices of the Masonic Order.”

**Here is another picture of the family.
Left to right: Jim Dana, Uncle Gifford,
Belvia, Arba O, (1831-1910). Clara
Tillapaugh (1834 – 1925)**



A notation on the picture says, "Can't tell you anything about Belvia or the boy in the background."

NANCY PIETRUSKA - #191

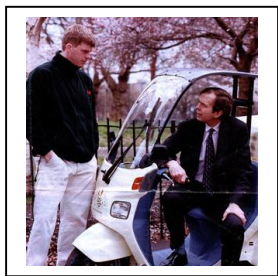
Nancy sent a photo of her great-grandmother, Hannah Mabey Sanders to Belva in 1997. It was taken about 1890 to 1900 by her home in West Milford, New Jersey. Hannah's line: Hannah Mabey, abt. 1839, & Dominic Sanders; John P. Mabey, 1802, & Eliza Kimball; Peter I. Maby, abt 1770, & Jannetje Jersey.



Hannah Mabey Sanders

COLIN MABEY, MEMBER # 230

"I have recently written to Jill Brewer and Rita J Leon with offers of assistance. Their families lived in areas in which I have already found other Mabeys - especially Somerset. I will let you know if I receive a response"



**Hon. Orlando Montagu and father,
Lord Sandwich**

He also sent an article taken from a magazine which is entitled "*Relative*"

Values"– *Lord Sandwich and the Honorable Orlando Montagu*". He says, "Most of the American Mabeys are descended from families in Dorset, some of whom were gardeners on the Mapperton Estate. Apart from the genealogical side their ancestor is credited with pioneering the original sandwich concept! Now you will see the current Earl and his son Orlando have started a business supplying sandwiches to the City of London business quarter. They may think the name will help to promote their product, which I hope will live up to its family origins! It makes a good story! Best wishes, Colin"

John Montagu, 58, 11th Earl of Sandwich, and his son, Orlando, 30, recently set up Earl of Sandwich, a company that makes and delivers sandwiches to the City of London. Lord Sandwich, who sits on the cross-benches in the House of Lords, has worked for Christian Aid and other charities for the past 25 years.

Orlando says, "The popular version of how the sandwich was invented – that our ancestor asked his servant for something he could eat with one hand so he could hold his playing cards with the other – is the story everybody likes to remember, but it's more that he didn't enjoy long social lunches; he was sticking his finger up at convention, choosing to live in a modern way."

His father, John, says, " We'd joked about a sandwich business in the family for ages, but it was Orlando who said, "Why don't we take it seriously?" It's a story that belongs to the family, and we've had to diversify from the old-fashioned estate; it's no longer possible for owners to live like their parents."

STEVE MABIE, MEMBER #257

“Just wanted to let you know that I have completed the transcription of the "Mabie" families in the 1880 census, and it is loaded onto my website. Found some big surprises.”

Steve has also added many names to his English Mabey list. The list will be available soon.

WILLIAM MABEE – OBITUARY

Martinsville (Morgan Co., Indiana) Republican (May 22, 1906, Page 2, Col. 5)

William Mabee, the oldest child and son of John and Ann Mabee, of Sussex County, New Jersey was born in said county and state on March 8, 1822. He was the only son of a family of five children all of whom are now dead except two sisters, Annie Bowdoin of Rahway, New Jersey, and Susan Williams of Chicago, Illinois. He came from New Jersey to Defiance, Ohio in 1844, returned to New Jersey in 1846 and in November 1846 returned again to Defiance, Ohio.

He was a Mexican soldier and volunteered under President Polk’s administration. He enlisted at Toledo, Ohio, in March 1847, and went to Mexico with the army. He was wounded at battle in Mexico on August 20, 1847 and was in the hospital six weeks. (He) was finally honorably discharged from the service in the city of Mexico on December 9, 1847, when he returned to New Jersey.

He was married in Sussex County, New Jersey, his old home, to Catharine Peters on Nov. 2, 1849, where his oldest child, Joseph Mabee was born. He moved with his young family about March 20, 1854 to Defiance, Ohio where he lived till in the fall of that year. He then started for Indiana and came by canal boat from Defiance,

Ohio to Peru, Indiana and finally landed in Martinsville, Indiana, November 17 of that year. He lived in Martinsville till December 1865, when he bought the farm three miles northeast of Martinsville, and lived there until June 28, 1898, at which time he and his wife went to live with their daughter, Mrs. Eli Thomas, near the place of their old country home. They lived with the other daughter, Mrs. Ezra Dyer, where his most estimable wife died October 3, 1901 and where he remained until his death, which occurred at 1:15 a.m. Monday, May 21, 1906.

He was a carpenter by trade and many of the oldest and most substantial and prominent residences and other buildings in the city of Martinsville are the work of his hands.

He was elected assessor of Washington Township in 1882 and served a full term. His official life was one marked with nobility, integrity and honor, both to himself and to the people whom he served.

He and his wife were blessed with eight children, 4 boys and 4 girls, three dying in infancy and one daughter Katie who married George Bergman, died near the old home about 22 years ago. The remaining children two boys and two girls, namely: Jacob Mabee of Indianapolis, Abraham Mabee of Charleston, Illinois, Mrs. Lizzie Thomas, and Mrs. Sarah Dyer reside near the old home place. He left surviving him these four children, fourteen grandchildren and great grandchildren. Such in brief is the life of William Mabee. He was one of the pioneers of this county. He leaves a legacy of a well-spent, long and honorable life. The funeral will be held at the Ezra Dyer home Wednesday afternoon at 1:30. Burial at Hilldale cemetery.

DEATH OF MRS. WILLIAM MABEE
Martinsville Republican (October 4, 1901)

Mrs. William Mabee, living three miles east of the city who was stricken with paralysis some eight weeks ago, died this morning at 10:00.

She was born in New Jersey in 1823, and leaves a husband and four children; Abe Mabee, of Loaring, Illinois, Jacob Mabee, of Indianapolis, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas and Mrs. Sarah Dyer of this vicinity. Funeral arrangements will be announced in tomorrow's paper."

QUERIES:

Pat Baumann writes:

"I would like to request that the following query be placed in your next issue of the Maybee Communicator.

Will any Maybee (any spelling) descendent that shows a direct descent from a Coquillet, please contact Pat Baumann at patnted@bestweb.net It is my understanding that at least 34 of the Maybee Society members are directly connected. We are updating our history of the Coquillet family and would like to include these Maybee descendents. Thank you so much. Pat Baumann

QUERY ABOUT NANCY MAYBEE

Michelle Storey would like information on a Nancy Maybee, born in 1826 New York, who was married to a Smith Holmes, from Rhode Island. She says "I am new to this so any help would be appreciated." Her e-mail is: misic35@aol.com.

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