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SOUTH VALLEY MABIE REUNION:

(Information was sent by Barb Kineke.)

“The 78th annual Mabie Reunion of the descendants of William and Sophia Scripture Mabie who settled in South Valley, Otsego County, New York was held on July 27th, 2002. It was a beautiful sunny day when 69 of the William Mabie descendants went to the Jan Mabee farm in Rotterdam Junction for the first time as a group. We were greeted warmly and enjoyed a catered chicken barbecue dinner with all the fixings, hosted and partially donated by the descendants of

Hanson D. Mabie in his memory. A bus was rented to bring the South Valley Mabies to Rotterdam. Others arrived in cars. The different states represented were New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Florida, Texas and Louisiana. We enjoyed lunch in the newly restored Dutch barn. We also enjoyed touring the grounds and the Jan Mabee home. A special plaque representing the South Valley branch was presented to the executive caretakers of the

farm, Kim and Gary Mabee. This plaque was donated by Pat Mabie of South Valley. The oldest member present was Grace Thompson, 87 years old. Youngest was Annalea Anderson 6 years old. Traveling the farthest was Bill Mabie from Texas. Four families had three generations present. They were the Elliot Brodie, Leland Mabie, Fred Mabie and Bill Mabie families. Elliot Brodie and Leland Mabie both had the most family members present, 12 in each family. However Charles Brodie had the most children present at the number of 5. We certainly had a picture perfect day that will be remembered for a long time. Many thanks go to Wayne Mabie for all his hard work in making this happen. The next annual Mabie reunion will be August 10th, 2003 at the Mark and Debbie Anderson residence on Turpenings Road, in South Valley, New York. The meal will begin at 1 pm. We would love to see you all there. Please bring a dish to pass and an item to auction off at our annual auction. Deb is graciously providing table settings as well as the beverage. See you all next year!!”

REUNION OF WM. ORLOW MAYBEE DESCENDANTS:

About 60 descendants of William Orlow Maybee and Elizabeth York and families held a reunion at Dash Point State Park, near Federal Way, Washington on July 6, 2002. The reunion was organized by Barbara Maybee Carter, Member #3.

John MayBee, Member # 8 brought an impressive 20-foot long chart with pictures of all descendants that we had pictures for. Participants were able to find their picture and identify everyone else. (Bianca Krall, #84, had written out nametags for everyone.)

An unusual feature of the reunion was that DNA, electrocardiograms, and other testing was done on participants. Benita Saatvedt, # 85, worked for months to organize the testing, which was done with the assistance of a clinician from Utah. Anita Ryan, who is a nurse, helped with the testing. We are endeavoring to get more information about a genetic disorder that is found in our line

Judy Maybee Bell and daughters, Shelly and Teresa decorated the tables with red, white and blue tablecloths, streamers, candles and copper teapots with flowers (after the copper kettle on our Maybee coat of arms.)

Valerie Waldean with the assistance of Loretta Course, Babette Cook and daughters was in charge of the luncheon. Two large gas grills were set up and Dan Course and Valerie Waldean grilled pork loin roasts, hamburgers and hot dogs. There were also the usual picnic items such as potato and pasta salad, vegetable trays, etc. Milas Cook brought a huge cooler of crab, Valerie made a crock-pot of her wonderful baked beans, Bonnie Course

brought delicious potato salad, and Stefanie Comer brought several luscious desserts.

Three families entered the T-shirt contest, the Bret and Vickie Perry family, (#86), Judy Bell and family and Bianca Krall (#84) and family. Judy awarded the certificate for dinner at Ivar's to Bianca and family. They had stayed up late the night before tie dying their shirts.

Vickie Perry organized some really fun games. There were two piñatas and a sack race. Someone organized a cribbage tournament. Then of course there were our family's two favorite activities – eating and talking. We all had a great time and got to know people who previously had just been names in our family newsletter.

UPDATED PASSENGER LISTS

Charles Case Stoodley #147 has compiled an update to a transcription of a selected *Passenger Lists*. Because this list is 12 pages long (6 2-sided pages), it was too long to print in the newsletter, but Society members can get a copy. (See list of articles available at end of this newsletter.) Charles says, "This is an update to a transcription of a selected PASSENGER LISTS of immigrants to the United States of America, copyright by compiler, P. William Filby, an extensive collection of sources of Passenger Lists published in the magazine Genealogical Helper (GH, 1988). Again please note that this submission of the material is presented for educational and genealogical research purposes, and this presentation is not-for-profit, nor is it meant to circumvent or violate the copyright. Included in this presentation, updated version is the same NOTE (N.B.) that the additions and annotations are NOT those of the author, compiler, and editor, Mr. Filby. The

submission is sent along an expanding "Van Patten Network" (and allied family names) of researchers, however the warning is that subsequent copying may violate the copyright. The hope and intention of this submission is honorable, to help fellow researchers. Finally, as implied by the author, sincere best wishes in your work!"

Jon von Briesen, #213 sent this, from

Immigrant Ships
Transcribers' Guild website

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Transcribers Guild
Maritime Newspaper Articles - 1810

The primary information in this project is being generously supplied by Barbara Andresen. The articles are from the **ROMAN CITIZEN** newspaper, Rome, Oneida County, New York unless stated otherwise. We hope that those of you who have information you have gathered regarding any maritime subject mentioned in newspaper articles will also contribute to this project. Just send the information to our Production Coordinator. Your name and email address can be added to the bottom of the article if you wish.

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Saturday morning July 19[1817, from context]- 6 o'clock a repeat for a brig East.

Cleared: ships

Nancy, Allen - Quebec;
Agincourt, Mathwin - Quebec;
Brigs Maria, Millet - B.W. Indies;
Resolution, Sterling - B.W. Indies;
Express, Copley - St. Johns N.F.;
Guysborough, Ferris - St. Johns N.F.;
Britiannia, Vandine - St. Andrews;
schrs Rambler, M'Leod - B.W. Indies;
Esperauce, Lander - Bay Chaleur;
Eliza, Baker - Gaspé;

Mabee - Gaspé; Roseway, M'Donald-Boston.

The Chichester packet from hence has arrived at Falmouth.

HM brigs Beaver, Pelican and Sheerwater to join the squadron on the Jamaica station, arr. at Port Royal 5th June.

The schrs Calypso and Britannia from hence, the Ruby from Liverpool N.S. and sloop Little Bill from Shelburne have all arrived at Boston.

The brig Caledonia, Keith from London bound up the Bay of Fundy, got on shore Saturday last on Cape LaHave in a thick fog - crew saved, vessel probably lost. She was owned by John Lang & Co. of Port Glasgow.

Norfolk June 28 - arr. sch. Young William, Seely - St. John N.B.;

Mary, Cox from Trinidad;

The brig Maderia, Roberts at Norfolk to sail for the West Indies in three days.

At Charleston June 25th sch Henry & Robert, Tedder - Nassau 5 days.

At Alexandria June 30 Constitution, Saprling - Passamaquoddy;

Echo, Cook -Antigua 11 days;

Harriet, M'Donald - Trinidad.

At Baltimore brig Ann - Halifax.

At Philadelphia July 2 sch. Cumberland, Miller - Antigua 13 days.

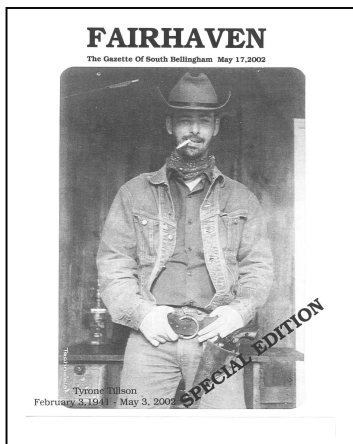
At New York July 1 Comet, Bell - St. John N.B. 12 days; Hiram, Wiley from Barbados and Norfolk.

TYRONE TILLSON

George W. Maybee, #116, sent this obituary for Tyrone Tillson, Member #103. George says, "The enclosed "Special Edition" of the **Fairhaven Gazette** was prepared for Tyrone's Memorial service. The service was held on a sunny day at beautiful old Lairmont Manor in Fairhaven where he and his wife, Penny, were married in 1984. Family and friends from near and far attended. Tyrone dedicated

much of his time and talent to the Fairhaven Community. He will be missed by many.”

The cover photo: George says, “In the 1970’s, Ty moved to Guam to help friend, Wes Hansberry with his business. One of Ty’s newly made friends there was a youngster named Johnny Boy who loved to hear about American cowboys. After coming back to Fairhaven, Ty dragged out every accessory from the attic, put on a Western squint and we shot a photo collection to please his fan in Guam.”



“Fairhaven historian, Tyrone Lieuallen Maybee Tillson died on May 3, 2002. He was born on February 3, 1941, in Seattle. His parents are Lorna (Maybee) Tillson and John Wood Tillson, of Warren, Oregon. After graduating from Shoreline High School, Tyrone attended Western Washington University. While at Western, where he took a degree in philosophy, he discovered the then quiet community of Fairhaven, which would later become the focus of his historical writing and intensive research. In the early ‘60’s he joined the Navy Reserve.

His stories most often filled with humor and described by a reviewer as Wild West prose, made local history lively and

entertaining in the magazine “*Fairhaven, the Gazette of South Bellingham*” published by his wife. His recently published journal, “*Bullcook, Life in the Bunkhouse*”, follows stories collected while working at Carnation Farms.

Fairhaven history lived for Ty and in turn he made Fairhavenites proud of its heritage in articles, plaques and in blocks set at important sites along Fairhaven streets and trails. He visited his friend and mentor, historian Galen Biery, weekly for years as they exchanged stories about their century-old ‘acquaintances’. Ty led history tours through Fairhaven and gave slide shows and talks to groups, including recent Southside ‘Story Nights’.

He was a board member and President of the Old Fairhaven Association. Ty was involved in raising the 103-foot flagpole in a Veterans Memorial at 12th and Mill. Sets of his vast research will be donated to the Northwest Region Archives, Whatcom Museum of History and Art, and Bellingham Libraries.

Tyrone is survived by his wife of 18 years, Penny (Ginther) Tillson of Fairhaven, his parents Lorna and John Tillson, brothers Marc Lee Tillson and wife of Pateros, Washington and Todd Shaw Tillson and wife Susan of Warren, Oregon, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and a nephew. He was preceded in death by brother Jon Scott Tillson. Burial of Tyrone’s ashes will be in Weston, Oregon, a town founded by his Oregon Trail ancestors.

A Memorial celebration of his life will share stories by and about Tyrone on Friday, May 17 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Lairmont Manor, with a wake at Dos Padres following.

Memorials which will apply toward costs of hardcover binding his research can be made to the Tyrone Tillson Fairhaven History Project at Key Bank.”

THE ANCASTER BLOODY ASSIZES OF 1814

Marion Smith Tait, U.E., D.A.R., Member #114 writes,

“I am enclosing 6 pages regarding *“The Ancaster Bloody Assize of 1814”* from Niagara Branch, OGS. You will note a reference to **Aaron Stevens**, who was hung on **July 20, 1814**. “

“In Robert Mutrie’s book about the Mabies, on page 56 - #401

Arent Stevens, who was condemned to death for treason **13 June 1838**, is the same person as the above Aaron Stevens, who I believe was a direct descendant of Jan Mabie, while my line is through his brother, Casparus. Probably 1814 is the correct date of death.

The reason I am sending these pages is because I have been invited to spend a few days at Hancock, Maine with Sylvia Weaver. Her husband, Don Weaver, is a direct descendant of Aaron Stevens. Sylvia and I plan to do some Mabie research. Our time will be limited, but we hope to get to the Mabee Farm. Sylvia is also interested in the Van Slycke family and OTS TOCH, so our trip should be interesting.”

An excerpt from *“The Bloody Assizes”*, *“Notes From Niagara*, OGS-NPB

“Wednesday, June 9, the Chief Justice again presided. Aaron Stevens was called upon to plead. Stevens was a man of good reputation and standing in the community

and had actually been in the service of the Crown in the Indian Department. He confessed to acting as a spy for the enemy and was promptly convicted.” There is much, much more to the story. Among other things, it shows the variance in verdicts, much of which depended on the judge present that day. The article, which was printed with the permission of Mr. Murray McCombs is very interesting. To read the entire article visit his site: <http://members.spree.com/sip/byjingo/web/HISTORY/mcombs>

S.S.#10, NIAGARA, ONTARIO **(Photo from John Collard, NPB #1745)**



Teacher, **Catherine Stevens**, great-great-grand-daughter of Aaron Stevens is in back row on left.

SEEKING SLAVE CEMETERY

From the *Times Union*, Albany, New York, Monday, May 27, 2002

Marion Tait Smith, DAR, UE, Member #114, forwarded this from Irene Secor Noble, Valley Falls, New York.

“Mabel Scrafford was one of the last members of the Mabee family in Rotterdam to own the 300-year-old Dutch farmhouse before it was turned over to the state. According to Scrafford, who developed a reputation for embellishing the farm’s historic significance, a tunnel once ran from the Mabee farm to the

Mohawk River and served as an escape during American Indian raids.

The farm, she liked to say, also was a stop on the Underground Railroad and had its own slave cemetery. The first two slave claims never stood up under scrutiny but the slave cemetery or “Negro cemetery” as it’s called in historical records, is being closely examined by archaeologists.

This week, soil experts from the federal Department of Agriculture started mapping out two areas on the farm where bodies might be buried. They used radar to pinpoint areas where the soil seemed disturbed and took samples. By the end of Tuesday, they weren’t able to conclusively say it was a burial ground but the idea still seemed promising.

Mention of a slave cemetery first started appearing in the 1920s, in interviews Scrafford gave to local newspapers. Other support emerged. Historians have found receipts for at least three slaves who lived on the farm; “Anthony” and “Bate and child.” Because receipts typically stayed with the slaves throughout their lifetime, historians think the slaves may have died and been buried on the farm.

In 1952, a Rotterdam photographer took a picture of what’s now an alfalfa field. The caption reads: “Slave graveyard. This portion of the field never plowed.” After Scrafford’s death, a surveyor identified the mound as the “Negro cemetery” on a map.

Out of respect for the dead, archaeologists are proceeding slowly. They have no intention of digging up bodies, only designating the slave plot with a plaque if they can prove its existence.

“People make fact out of fantasy”, said Ronald Kingsley, an archaeologist who teaches at Schenectady County Community College. “You have to be very cautious of that.” - Kim Martineau

GENEALOGY RESOURCE ERRORS

#10 – Charles Case Stoodley, #147

“The truth is that any research work has the potential for presenting readers with incorrect information. Most of us rely on secondary resources for our family history and genealogical research, and these sources have their share of mistakes. However, because these appear in print and have been used by so many for so long, these books come to be seen as “gospel”. There is always a risk when we accept the work of others without question. As a teacher once cautioned our class as we set out to research our topics, “You will be moving ‘old bones’ from one source that relied upon another.” The implication was that errors would be carried along as well. This has been evident to the researchers who have relied upon the monumental works of Jonathan Pearson, particularly his “*Schenectady Families*” (1873) and “*Schenectady Patent*” (1883). Van Patten researchers condensing these oft-used secondary resources as “JSP” and “JPP”, this is an obvious reaction to using the respective... full titles!

As one among us will hasten to point out errors in Pearson’s many resource books, followed by a **sincere recognition of the monumental nature of these works**. Pearson states in a forward that the families are as complete as he could assemble them, given that his works attempted to include all of the first settlers and early settler families and their descendants from the founding of the

New Netherlands Colony to an 1800 cutoff point. Subsequent works recording the descendancy of these families usually cite Pearson. At the very least, there are several hundreds (if not thousands) of membership applications for the National Daughters of The American Revolution, the Holland Society of New York, Dutch Settlers of Albany, numerous family files, many of the Family Files at the Schenectady County Historical Society Gremms-Doolittle Library's collection of some 1600 and individual family booklets, which will cite Pearson and others. And in a number of lines there will be errors which began at one source and have been repeated as they were quoted in subsequent works. Back to 'old bones' again! **In our quest for the truth, getting it right, we must note any proven errors in our own work and pass this information along**, so that those who follow us will not make the same mistake...over and over.

In this 'modern age' we are ready to 'cast in stone' the family research work, which is culminating in books on our families. The information contained in research done today will be placed on computer disks, and will eventually appear on CD-ROM disks. The research may appear in the next edition of the LDS Church's International Genealogical Index (IGI) and be distributed worldwide. Where will we begin to correct the errors then! Which version of 'the truth' will be believed?

These questions and more have been asked by those of us who have been working on our family lines. Occasionally when one is working on our own family lines we come across errors that we **KNOW** are 'not right'! If we present a chart showing our family's version of events, dates and ancestry, sometimes we are informed that it is we who have got it wrong. Then

follows the process of presenting of 'proof'. This is the point where a few of us Maybee, Bradt, Van Patten researchers find ourselves. As things stand there are all too few people with whom to communicate our various proofs. One repository is the Schenectady County Historical Society."

(Editor's note: The Maybee Society would like this information, also.)

INFORMATION FROM STEVE:

Steve Mabie, #257, says, "Secord's papers were microfilmed by the LDS on 3 films as I recall. They can be found by searching the LDS catalog (www.familysearch.org). Do an "Author Search".

A copy of Royal Mabee's papers can also be found in Canada. Trouble is, I don't know where. But I do know that Doug Mabee has spent a lot of time with them. I believe Mutrie has also."

"Just wanted to let everyone know that the "Caspar" & "Jan" files on my web site have been updated. There are substantial changes based primarily on data that I found on my last trip to Salt Lake City back in March.

I also now have Canadian chronological files on the site for Ontario and the Gaspé Peninsula (Quebec) in addition to the one I posted earlier for New Brunswick and Maine."

QUERIES:

Petula Chambers Mills writes, "I am trying to trace a child of Catherine Mabey and Arthur. His name is David. I want to know if this is the said David who had children Frederick and Horatio. Did David or his children live in Jamaica?
petulachambers@hotmail.com

INTERESTING LINKS:

Petrus Mabie and Sarah Boyd's home, The Ryker-Mabie-Conklin-Snedden House, is on Bergen County Historic Sites http://www.rockleigh.org/History/Sites/Roaring_Brook_Farm.htm

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

DAVID MOAK #310
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David says, "I have no actual connection to the Mabie family. My interest in the family is as a very serious collector of writing instruments and ephemera of the various companies that John Mabie and his sons were involved in (from about 1843 to 1938). David is gathering information on the families and would appreciate hearing from families connected to the line.

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OVERDUE DUES

At the present time, the Maybee Society has 171 active members. As of this date there are still 68 members who have not paid dues for 2002. **I know it is easy to forget, so please check your envelope.** Our average budget for a year is about \$1,700. In 2001 we began with a balance of \$120. We collected \$1,506 in dues and spent \$1,623. A complete financial report will be in the February 2003 newsletter.

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