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Marion and Scott Haefner
MARION SMITH TAIT'S TRIP

Marion Smith Tait, U.E., D.A.R., Member #114, and Sylvia Weaver took a trip to various genealogical sites this fall. Marion writes, "Labor Day 2002 found Sylvia Weaver and myself on our way, bright and early, to the Mohawk Valley and Hancock, Massachusetts. Weather was perfect, and by noon we were in Canajoharie, New York where we stopped to check out the Visitor's Bureau. Armed with travel brochures and maps, we proceeded to Hancock, first stopping for our picnic lunch at the Traditional Mohawk Community at Canajoharie. Tuesday found us at the Berkshire

Atheaeum Genealogical Research Library in Pittsfield (I'm a member of the Berkshire Family History Association, Inc.) to do some research. This is a great place to do research, we could have stayed there for hours - but had to move on. Our next stop was nearby Cummington, Maine where we went to the Kingman Museum which unfortunately was only open on Saturday. My 2nd great Grandfather James GLOYD was born in Cummington in 1781. His parents James and Mary Snow GLOYD moved from Abington, Maine to Cummington following the American Revolution. James GLOYD Sr. and his father-in-law Capt. Nathan SNOW were both Minutemen and my 2nd great Grandmother Esther PRENTIS was born in 1784 in Westfield, Maine. Each day we had a picnic lunch with us, so we settled in on the lawn at the Museum. Then on to Plainfield where the Snows lived. Next on our list was the Shaker Village in Hancock. This is well worth a visit to see how and where they lived. I was intrigued with the double rolling pin - a boon to the busy baker. The Round Barn was a must see along with the animals, also the house where the Shakers lived -men on one side, women on the other. On Wednesday we visited the Mabee Farm in Rotterdam Junction, New York. We had made arrangements to meet with Scott Haefner, the Historian who lives there, so he was expecting us.



Sylvia and Scott Haefner

This was an incredible experience. Sylvia's husband Don is a direct descendant of Jan Mabee, while I'm a direct descendant of his brother Casparus. Scott gave us a very informative tour of the farm - and we had lunch overlooking the beautiful Mohawk River. While we were having lunch a bald eagle was soaring overhead. This was good - I take carving lessons and our current project was a bald eagle. I even found a small piece of wood from a huge tree that had blown down to use as a perch for my eagle.

Scott is very knowledgeable - not only about the Mabee Farm but also the entire area. I would certainly recommend a visit to the Mabee Farm.

It was time to move on and we went to Schenectady. I had been to Schenectady before, but as a tourist - this time was as a family researcher. It is a beautiful city with old buildings. At the Dutch Reformed Church we found a plaque with the name Jacques Cornelius Van Slyck - a direct ancestor of Sylvia.

Sylvia was also looking for the supposed burial site of another direct ancestor - Ots Toch. The directions she had led her to a willow tree on the banks of the Mohawk River, on what was once known as Van Slyck Island. There was a lone willow tree. Was this the place where Ots Toch was buried over 300 years ago? Back to Hancock so we didn't have to travel in the mountains after dark, to plan for the next day.

Sylvia and I both have roots in the Mohawk Valley, so Thursday we were off to Fonda, New York to the Montgomery County Department of History and Archives. I think we could have spent days there! Sylvia was checking out her ancestors, and I decided to check on another of my lines - WINDECKER. My 5th great grandfather was Henry WINDECKER, a Butler's Ranger, who came to Canada as a Loyalist during the American Revolution. I found a very interesting paper - a Petition of Hartman WINDECKER - a distressed Palatine. Hartman and two other parties were interested in purchasing land in the County of Albany on the south side of the Mohawk River from the Native owners in 1730. On the third page of this document I found the turtle, bear and wolf symbols.

Our 5 days were up, so on Friday we headed for home. We both agreed it was a great trip - we packed as much as we could in those 5 days, and now when I read about the Mabee Farm, I'll have a better idea of what it's all about."

MABIE-BAXTER CONNECTION

Jean Glidden writes, " I am looking for a connection between Mabie and Baxter from Westchester, New York. My ancestor Augustus Baxter was a Westchester Loyalist, and we are trying to discover if possibly he or his brother Thomas Baxter was the husband of Phoebe Mabie Baxter who went to Nova Scotia with Loyalists and then returned with her children, possibly widowed in or by the Revolution, to live with her brother Abraham Mabie around Putnam, New York. Perhaps there is a Mabie in your group that has information on Phoebe's marriage and children. Thank you. Jean Glidden

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PETER ADDISON MABEE

The following pictures and information are from Eloise Brown Mabee, Member #20.

MR. AND MRS. P.A. MABEE

Picton, Ontario, Canada,
Friday, March 10th, 1939



"Canada's longest married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Addison Mabee are looking forward to celebrating the 76th anniversary of their wedding on Wednesday, March 15.

No special celebration is planned, though it is expected many friends, will as in the past, send messages of congratulations and good wishes or gifts. These bring much happiness to the aged couple.

Yesterday, Mrs. D. Peters, who is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Mabee, told The Gazette that Mr. Mabee is active and up each day but that Mrs. Mabee was not so well and usually got up only for meals. She is 94 and Mr. Mabee is 96

They have not heard if their son, Stanley, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania expects to come and visit them on the occasion of their anniversary. He is 74 and visited last summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Mabee have lived during the reign of five British Sovereigns, Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, George V, King Edward VIII, George VI. Mr. Mabee was

born six years after Queen Victoria ascended the throne in 1837."

Mrs. and Mrs. Mabee's anniversary will be featured in newspapers in Canada and the United States and a number of men prominent in public life are expected to send congratulatory messages."

MY MISTAKE:

In an ironic twist, the following article on Genealogy Resource Errors was full of errors due to my poor proof reading. The article below is the corrected version.

GENEALOGY RESOURCE ERRORS

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 will 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 "JPS" and "JPP", this is an obvious reaction to using the respective...full titles. Any 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 Society of Albany, numerous family files, many of the Family Files at the Schenectady County Historical Society, Grems-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."

'T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS - GENEALOGISTS VERSION

"Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even my spouse.
The dining room table with clutter was spread
With pedigree charts and with letters which said...
"Too bad about the data for which you had written
It was lost in the stacks at Visitations of Britain".
Piles of old copies of wills, deeds and such
Were proof that my work had become much too much.
Our children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.
As I sat at my computer, I was ready to drop
From entering data on cousins, whose lines never stop.
Christmas was here, and such was my lot
That presents and goodies and toys I forgot.

Had I not been so busy with my grandparent's wills
I'd not forgotten to shop for such thrills.
While others bought gifts that would bring Christmas cheers,
I'd spent time researching marriages and birth years.
While I was thus musing about my sad plight,
A strange noise on the lawn gave me such a great fright.
Away to the window I flew in a flash,
Tore open the drapes and yanked up the sash.
When what to my wondering eyes should appear?
But an overstuffed sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.
Up to the housetop the reindeer they flew,
With a sleigh of toys and old Santa Claus too
And then in a twinkle, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hoofs.
The TV antenna was no match for their horns,
And look at our roof with hoof-prints adorned!
As I drew in my head and bumped it on the sash
Down the cold chimney fell Santa "KER-RASH!"

"Dear" Santa had come from the roof in a wreck
And tracked soot on the carpet, (I could just wring his neck.)
Spotting my face, good old Santa could see
I had no Christmas spirit; you'd have to agree.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work
And filled all the stockings (I felt like a jerk.)

Here was Santa, who'd brought us such joy,
When I'd busy too busy for even one toy,

He spied my research on the table all spread
"A genealogist!" he cried (My face was all red!)

Tonight I've met many like you, Santa grinned
As he pulled from his sack a large book he had penned.

I gazed with amazement, the cover it read
"Genealogy Lines for Which You Have Plead."

I know what it's like to have the genealogy bug
He said, as he gave me a great Santa hug.

"While the elves make the sleigh full of toys I now carry,
I do some research in the North Pole Library!"

A special treat I am thus able to bring
To genealogy folks who can't find a thing.

Now off you go to your bed for a rest
I'll clean up the house from the genealogy mess.

As I climbed the stairs, full of gladness and glee
I looked back at Santa who'd brought much to me.

While settling in bed, I heard Santa's clear whistle
To his team, which then rose like the down of a thistle.

And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,
"Family History is fun! Merry Christmas!
Good Night!"

PICTON GAZETTE - OCTOBER 30, 1964

COUNTY NATIVES CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

"Mr. and Mrs. Carleton H. Maybee, a well-known couple in the community of Sydenham, celebrated their wedding anniversary over the recent holiday week-end. They were married October 14, 1914. During the afternoon and evening of October 11, Mr. and Mrs. Maybee were at home to many friends and relatives in the Sunday school hall of Grace United Church. Over 250 guests called to congratulate them.

On Thanksgiving Day, the entire Maybee family of 26 members enjoyed a dinner in the town hall served by members of the Women's Institute of which Mrs. Maybee is currently president.

She was honored on the anniversary occasion by fellow members with a life membership pin and certificate.

Both celebrations had been arranged by the couple's four sons and one daughter who also gave their father a gold fountain pen and their mother a gold pin.

Focal point of the at home reception was the tea table centred with golden roses and lighted by tall gold candles. Pouring tea in the afternoon were Mrs. Harry Hall of Toronto, Mrs. Myles Spafford, Sydenham, Mrs. Lewis Yott and Mrs. Harold Walters, both of Picton and sisters of Mrs. Maybee.

In the evening those presiding at the tea table were Mrs. L. Cranston of Prescott, Mrs. M. Holmes, Mrs. J. McCallum and Miss E. Truscott, all of Sydenham. The Maybee's daughter, Mrs. Douglas Parks and daughters-in-law, Mrs. Gordon Maybee, Mrs. Douglas Maybee, Mrs. Lloyd Maybee, and Mrs. Keith Maybee were assisted in serving by a granddaughter and several nieces.

Out of town guests attending the at home were from Toronto, Ottawa; North Bay, Halifax and Truro, Nova Scotia; Syracuse and Lachine, Quebec; Prescott, Trenton, Wellington, Consecon, Bloomfield, Picton, Kingston, Sunbury, Harrowsmith and Verona.

Rev. H. M. Servage of Kingston, a longtime friend of the family was among those present for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Maybee received greetings from as

far away as Saskatchewan, Toronto and England. The church's present pastor, Rev. M. D. Steinberg extended his blessing to the couple on the anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Maybee also received best wishes from Prime Minister

Lester B. Pearson, Premier John Robarts, Hon. E. J. Benson, minister of national revenue, Hon. J. R. Simmonett, minister of energy resources and M.L.A. for Frontenac-Addington. An inscribed scroll commemorating their anniversary was received from the provincial secretary, Hon. John Yaremko.

The three-tiered wedding cake, which was served in the celebration, was the gift of the members of the church choir in which Mr. Maybee has sung for 42 years. He has been its leader in latter years. The cake was baked by another choir member, Roy Warren.

Gifts and floral bouquets were received from the congregation of the church, Albion Masonic Lodge, Loughboro Chapter of the Eastern Star, the Bridge Club and from many private individuals.

At the family party, Mr. Maybee serenaded his bride of 50 years by singing "I Love You Truly."

Mrs. Maybee is the former

Lulu B. Thompson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson.

Mr. Maybee is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Maybee. He was born at Denbigh but moved to Consecon with his parents at an early age.

In addition to his work with Grace United Church choir, Mr. Maybee has served as an elder of the church and is a member of Albion Masonic Lodge and Loughboro Chapter, O.E.S.

Mrs. Maybee is a past president of the former Women's Association of the United Church and is a life member of the United Church Women. She is a past worthy matron and past district deputy grand matron of O.E.S.

Members of their family are Gordon, Truro, N.S.; Mrs. Douglas Parks (Hazel), Toronto; Douglas and Lloyd, both of Sydenham and Keith of Toronto. The couple has 14 grandchildren.

SISTER DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Florence Kienitz, Saskatoon, Mr. Maybees only sister, was packed to leave in the morning. She was found dead in bed by her family.

Mrs. Charles Spafford, sister of Mrs. Maybee, was unable to attend as she was visiting her family in British Columbia."

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

JEAN E. MABY #313
KELLY MABY #314
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She was enrolled by her sister,
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PETER ADDISON MABEE AND FAMILY – ABOUT 1868



PICTURE IS FROM COLLECTION OF ELOISE BROWN MABEE, MEMBER #20

LEFT TO RIGHT:

BACK ROW:

William Walker (married a Mabee cousin), Alfred Mabee, Sarah Mabee (Peter Addison's Sister), George Mabee (Peter Addison's brother) died young, Alzina Walker* (daughter of William Walker), Peter Mabee * (*see note*)

MIDDLE ROW:

Selim Huyeke, Grandpa Pete Mabee, Peter Addison, Isaac Mabee, Isaac's wife, Jemima (Williams) Mabee

FRONT ROW:

Sarah Huyeke (later married Peter Addison Mabee), Eliza Reid and Sarah Reid, daughters of Jane Mabee.

**Note*: Eloise says, "This is what Peter Addison wrote on the back of Aunt Etna's picture, but I know for sure no. 6 is Alexander and I really think the girl beside him was Sarah Burrell, his wife. Also Peter Addison is beside Grandpa Pete.

DESCENDANCY:

First generation: Peter Mabee (1789 – 1873)

Second generation: Isaac Mabee (1820 – 1905) and Jemima Williams. They had 10 children, one of whom was Peter Addison (1842 – 1945), who married Libbie Huyck.