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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I'm the new Maybee Society President, John D. MayBee, Member #8 (yes that is a capital **B**, but that is a story for another time). I was one of the founding members of the Society, because, my sister, Belva Perry, told me she needed members, and she knew I had been interested in genealogy for some time.

I retired from the US Navy in 1977, got a BA from the University of California Santa Cruz, and worked in the Quality Assurance field for twenty years before retiring the second time to work on genealogy full time. I researched and wrote a book *The Backhouse-Yorks of Montana*, about my paternal grandmother's line.

In 1998, Belva asked me to transcribe data from her card files into a database, to

accompany the Maybee Society PAF file. After some consideration, we decided that instead of having two files, we would convert the data from PAF to a more comprehensive program, The Master Genealogist®, which could include both the genealogical data, and also the stories and anecdotes from our other files. Since then, with the help of our members and other Mabie/Maybee/Mabey researchers, we have added a lot of information on the people we had in the database then, and have doubled our database to over 24,000 people. We publish this information on most non-living people on the RootsWeb World Connect site. However, we do not give out information about living people, nor data that the submitter has asked to be kept private.

Enough for now, I'll have more in the next edition of the Communicator.

APPRECIATION FOR JACK

We have received many letters and emails expressing appreciation for the work that John A. "Jack" Maybee did as Maybee Society President. Jack is, of course, still actively working on Maybee genealogy. For those of you who would like to send a personal message, his address is at the end of this newsletter.

MABEE FARM HISTORIC SITE IN ROTTERDAM JUNCTION, NY

We have an exciting new feature for our newsletters. Pat Barrot, the new full-time Site Manager will be writing a column about the Mabee Farm for each newsletter. She was appointed in January and had previously worked part time as a volunteer amateur archaeologist at the Farm for the past few years. Call Pat if you have any questions, she'd be happy to hear from you! To reach her telephone (518) 887-5073 or E-mail: mabee@nycap.rr.com

She says, "We would like to make this a regular column to keep family members informed about what is happening at the 300+ year Jan Mabee family farm. We had a great year in 2003, more than doubling our attendance from the previous year to 6,218. Student program attendance also doubled from 571 students in 2002 to 1,371 in 2003! We're really proud of those numbers! This coming year looks even better!"

MABEE FARM NEWS

"A new event in September '*Sundae on the Farm*', sponsored by the Montgomery Farm Bureau brought thousands to experience life on a farm with free ice cream sundaes, horses, llama, pigs, cows, a giant hay maze, chicken barbeque, (I could go on)! A never-ending line toured the old buildings. It was quite a crazy wonderful day!

"The students of the Maritime Academy in Alplaus, New York built a historic replica of a bateau for our Farm. This was the same type of bateau that General Philip Schuyler (the Revolutionary War General) journeyed up the Mohawk River in, the night of August 21st 1792 and spent the night at the Mabee Inn with his men. The Farm uses the bateau for educational displays and

re-enactments. We recently received a grant for a trailer to transport it to various events. Gary Mabee usually ends up in the driver's seat to chauffeur the bateau from place to place.

"We will soon be building a dock next to our Farm (with the help of the County) to welcome visitors via the Mohawk River and Canal system. We hope to restore the historic connection the river has to the Farm. Hopefully, the dock will be completed sometime this year. So, everyone with a boat – come see us soon!

"We hope you can join us at our events this year:

- April 17 -Spring Work Day
- April 24 - Volunteers Day
- April 25 - Capital District Blacksmith Association Historic Presentation
- May 5 - OPEN for season
Wed-Sat, 10 am – 4 pm. Also open by appointment
- May 22-23 - Revolutionary War Re-enactment
- June 20 - Forefather's Day
- July 18 - Community Open House
- Aug. 7 - Archaeology/Flint Knapping Day
- Aug. 14 - A Day of Fife & Drums
- Sept 19 - Sundae on the Farm
- Sept 25 - CLOSED for season.
Open by Appointment
- Oct 3 - Tool Swap Meet
- Oct 9 - Fall Arts & Crafts Festival

"If anyone would like to spend a few hours now and then volunteering at the farm, come to our Volunteers Day on April 25th. Meet fellow volunteers who love our wonderful historic farmstead.

"We survive on donations and events. If you would like to make a donation to the Farm, we would really appreciate it. Thanks in advance for your help!

Please make check payable to Mabee Farm/SCHS and send to:

Mabee Farm Historic Site
1080 Main St.
Rotterdam Junction, NY 12150

Please drop by and visit us when you are in the area. Hope to see you all soon! Until next time.”

NEW ZEALAND MABEYS

Maybe Society President, John D. MayBee and his wife Kathy just returned from New Zealand, where they received a valuable book of genealogy.



Joan McCathie-Rea

John writes, “Kathy and I returned Monday from a cruise on the Star Princess. We flew to Auckland New Zealand on Quantas Air. In Auckland I had lunch with Joan (Mabey) McCathie-Rea, who gave us two copies of her book about her Mabey line in New Zealand.

The book is the “*History of The Mabey Family from 1696 to 2003*” and is the history of the descendants of Jonathon and Rebecca Mabey (1696). The names have been added to our database and we will use some of the histories in future newsletters.

Joan’s acknowledgements include Jean Mabey-Barker, Member #25) and Margaret Strawbridge (Member #29).”

JEAN MABEY-BARKER



From left to right; Jean Mabey- Barker, Margaret Strawbridge, Joan McCathie-Rea and Elsie West – taken at the Mabey Reunion in Miranda Hot Springs, 1981

Jean Mabey-Barker, Member #25, died October 14, 2003. She was the daughter of Orson Henry Mabey and Marie Ford Mabey. She married Eugene Allan Barker. Their children are Kaylin, Eugene, Cory and Jon. A short biography of Jean is found on page 328 in the book, “*Our Father’s House*”, by Charles Rendell Mabey. (pub. 1947)

“Jean Mabey was born June 8th, 1921 at Garland, Utah. She entered the State University in 1939, received a Bachelor of Science degree in June of 1943 and became a Staff Dietician in 1944, a position she now holds. Jean received a Dietetic degree. She is a member of the Alpha Chi Omega and was Vice-President for one year.”

MARY B. MABIE

D. Wayne Mabie, CCE, BPS, Member # 134 writes, “ Dear Barbara, Jack asked me to forward a copy of Mom’s obituary to you. It was a blessing—mom had been sick since last fall.

“We had 40 of us at her house on December 21, 2003 for Christmas dinner (27 adults, 8 grandchildren and 15 great grand children (15 years to 1 year) and we had a ball!! A great time – and that was what she wanted!! (Her great wish.)

“Her memorial service on February 14, 2004 was very nice, held at the little white country church that she was baptized and confirmed in and attended all of her life except 1948 to 1952 when we lived on the farm in Amsterdam, New York. Any and all memorials will go there as said in the obit. Mom loved the music in addition to her other projects.”

MARY B. MABIE

“Canajoharie – Mary B. Mabie, 86, of Marshville Rd. passed away Saturday evening at the Milford Whitinsville Regional Hospital in Milford, Massachusetts after a brief illness. She was the last surviving child of Silas Gifford and Sarah Ketchum Bowerman and was born in Canajoharie on November 2, 1917.

Mrs. Mabie was employed as head cashier and bookkeeper for the Victory Market in Canajoharie and later for Beechnut Mfg., before she retired in 1972. She then went on to serve as a home health aide. Active in church and civic endeavors, she was Sunday school teacher and treasurer for over thirty years at the Marshville Evangelical Church.

“A member of the Mapletown Grange for over seventy years, she served on the New York State and National Granges as lady assistant steward and chairperson of the State Women’s Committee. For twenty years, she was the assistant superintendent of the Grange exhibits at the New York State Fair in Syracuse. For thirty-five years she was a member and past matron of the Otsquago Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Years ago, Mrs. Mabie was past president of the Canajoharie Parents and Teachers Association.

Her love for her family, birds, flowers and sewing and crocheting is how she will be remembered.

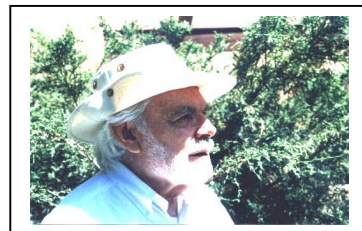
“On January 2, 1937, she was united in marriage to David H. Mabie, a union that lasted for fifty years before he passed away in 1987. Her son, Karl Mabie, also predeceased her in 2002.

“Survivors include her children, D. Wayne Mabie (Brenda) of Ballston Lake, Robert J. Mabie of Gloversville and Renee Merolli of Douglas, MA: eight grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

“A celebration of her life will take place on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Marshville Evangelical Church, the Rev. Kenneth Dingman officiating. Relatives and friends are invited and may call today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lenz and Betz Funeral Home, 69 Otsego Street, Canajoharie, where an Eastern Star service will be held at 7 p.m. Spring burial is in the Ames Cemetery.

“Those who wish to remember Mary may do so by making a contribution in her memory to the Marshville Evangelical Church Organ Fund, 141 Flannigan Rd., Canajoharie, NY 13317 in care of Cindy Reardon.”

ROBERT L. MABY, JR.



Our biography for this month is of Robert L. Maby, Jr. Member #216. Robert is a descendant of Pieter Mabie & Katalyntje Jans Bogart.

Robert says, “After separating from the Eighth Air Force of World War II fame with one Distinguishing Flying Cross and four

Air Medals, plus the usual assortment of service ribbons, Robert returned to college, married one of his students and, then, learned the nuts and bolts of the oil business in Oklahoma. It was in Saudi Arabia, however, where he worked and taught for nearly thirty years that marked his entrance into the international oil scene. While an expatriate, he juggled jobs from geology to petroleum engineering to geophysics and back again to geology for a broader Middle East perspective, and in the process gained two more languages for a total of eight.

Initially during his geological career, he examined the entire Arabian sedimentary rock sequence by traveling up-slope across the peninsula from the Persian Gulf to the Red Sea Mountains. When the summer heat lessened, he drilled structure and stratigraphic holes for information (not oil) in the great southern desert, the Rub' al' Khali, as well as in northwestern Arabia. Unusual for a geologist, he became a drilling superintendent with the result that the complexity of recovered reservoir rocks sparked an interest in the petrophysics of carbonates and evaporates that remains with him still.

Soon he was in engineering full time: as a drilling engineer he worked offshore on well completions; as an oilfield production engineer he wrote the definitive company manual on bottom-hole testing; and, as a reservoir engineer he became the company remote-sensing log analyst, and had a little-known by-passed oil show tested that increased oil reserves by three-billion barrels, proved.

This success propelled him back into geology as head of exploitation where he codified oil-reserve calculations. Later, to better coordinate newly evolving technology, he transferred to geophysics

where he supervised the integration of geologic, seismic, gravity and magnetic profiles into one all-inclusive tectonic peninsular grid for a better evaluation of earth history. Eventually, he did return to geology involving the entire Middle East. Throughout all those years overseas, his main avocation was archaeology. As time permitted, he visited most of the Old World classical sites from Greece and Tunisia to Afghanistan. Soon, however, he found his own niche in the *terra incognita* of the eastern Arabian Peninsula. There, he helped pioneer finding and documenting 'Ubaiyd pottery shards that he believes were left by a Pre-Sumerian non-literate fisher-people. In reconstructing the putative trail of these intruders from Mesopotamia, he mapped a geological stratum identifying an older but higher Persian/Arabian Gulf shoreline associated with their sites. After presenting his peninsular map to the London Institute of Archaeology at an invited lecture, the British Museum sponsored an expedition to Qatar and found an 'Ubaiyd site as predicted.

As soon as he retired, the Society of Petroleum Engineers awarded him a Distinguished Lectureship, and for a year he traveled throughout the United States and Western Europe. Afterwards, he began juggling again; this time between three main consulting positions; constructing a mathematical model of the world's largest oilfield, doing the conceptual planning for a 30-million dollar hands-on oil exhibit for Saudi Arabia, and teaching geology and production engineering overseas. In between these phased assignments, he assisted the National Aeronautics and Space Administration with the Martian Landing Program and the U.S. Army Topographic Laboratory with preparation for the Gulf War.

In addition to all of the above, Robert managed to squeeze in a four-year course in theology followed by a two-year course on the collected works of C. G. Jung. Now as all his theological, linguistic and scientific studies coalesce, a syzygy is developing that better defines who and where he is....a work in progress.”

LUELLA BRODIE - MEMBER #159

Luella has some new additions to her family: Craig and Amy Bach, Members #179 have a son, Conner James Dahl, born December 23, 2003.

Mary Lou and David also had another grandson, Devin David Bach born March 4, 2003. Mary Lou and David have a new address: 21408 Star Route, Meadville, PA 16335.

Luella also says, “we are sorry to hear that Jack Maybee has resigned. We are real close friends with Jack and Mary. He was so good getting all the Maybee history.”

JACOB SCHUYLER DOCUMENTS

Stephen Mabie, Member #257, wrote, “I have attached my transcriptions of two documents which I do not believe that you have seen. As it turns out, both of these documents were originally sent to me by Skip Duett. While in Salt Lake City I tried to duplicate the research and found the longer of the two, but not the short one. Frankly, I didn't know that I hadn't found it until I got home.

“Apparently, both documents are on LDS Film 946422, which is a film of Surveyors' Field Books. *I have tried to duplicate most of the handwritten documents exactly.* Thus, you will note anomalies, such as the spelling of words, which differ from the two. For example, Chettelingo versus Shettelingo.

“I plan on also transcribing the 3 deeds which are the so-called 1814 Schuyler Quit Claim, but that will take a while longer.”

JACOB SCHUYLER

“Jacob Schuyler Occupant on Onida Reservation of an improved piece or parcel of land situate on the southwesterly tract of the Onida Reservation on the west side of the Shattelingo branch, so called, & on the south side of the Genesee road leading to the Deep Springs about one mile & adjoining to the said Shettelingo branch; said improved piece of land as now cultivated containing about eighteen acres

Herkimer County: Jacob Seeber (a resident on the Onida Reservation) being duly sworn, depseth & says that: the above named Jacob Schuyler has possessed, occupied & improved the above described piece of land for more than four years last past & has continued his said occupation to this time. And that Deponent further says that the occupation & improvement of the said Jacob as aforesaid was by the consent & approbation of the Onida Nation of Indians, according to the best knowledge & belief of this deponent; having seen the said Indians receive rent from him the said Jacob; but the said Jacob's dwelling house is a little northerly of the tract lately purchased from the said Indians, on what is called Hardenburgh's location, yet one Joseph Mabie (brother in law to the said Jacob) actually resides with his family on the said described piece of land & has constantly occupied the same for eighteen months last past with the consent of the Indians. And further the Deponent saith not. (signed) Jacob Seeber

Sworn this 8th day of December 1795 before me, Hugh White, Justice”

Jacob Schuyler & Joseph Mabie Several Occupants on Onida Reservation

“Under the following memorandum, writing or agreement, Onida, April twenty fourth day one thousand seven hundred ninety four. Know all men that we the native Indians of Onida nominated Sachems, Chiefs & Warriors, do elect, empower Jacob Reed to act & transact a business of importance with Joseph Mabee & Jacob Schuyler of the State of New York & County of Herkimer. I, therefore Jacob Reed do grant the farm let unto Joseph Mabee &

Jacob Schuyler, a certain tract or parcel of land which we the said Natives are unable to improve, lying on our reserve commonly call The Chedenango_(alias Chittelingo)_above the main bridge, both sides of the creek. Therefore they the said Native Indians do Covenant & agree with Joseph Mabee & Jacob Schuyler, their heirs & assigns, that the said Joseph & Jacob shall have hold, occupy & enjoy the said tract or parcel of land one year free from the time the said Joseph & Jacob their heirs & assigns shall improve on the same: and the second year they the said Joseph & Jacob their heirs or assigns shall pay forty pounds or one hundred dollars until the full end & term of three years: to have & to hold the said parcel of land before mentioned, free, clear, peaceable & unmolested during the term of years. In witness where of to these presents, on behalf of the chiefs, Sachems & warriors I do set my hand & name in Onida on the day & date first mentioned.

(signed) Jacob Reed

Also a memorandum in the following words, annex'd to the above.

By order of the Sachems, Chiefs & Warriors of the Onida Nation of Indians I hereby certify that Joseph Mabee & Jacob Schuyler leased of the Onidas all the lands mentioned in the within lease for themselves & the following mentioned persons /viz./ Peter Marsh, Gerrit Van Slyck, David Schuyler Jun., Hezekiah Olcott & Jacob Rice & not inserting the five last mentioned persons in this lease is by reason. That the said Joseph Mabee & Jacob Schuyler became sureties for said rent within mentioned lease. And said lease is to comprehend the Chendananka & Tuscarora lands. I do further

certify that myself & the Chiefs of our tribe & our surveyor attended at Canasaroga to measure the said lands as in said lease mentioned That the said mentioned persons were actually improving the said lands & the said parties desired us to put off the measurement of said lands, being one hundred acres to each, until a final settlement with our tribe & the State of New York should take place; and no other person has any rights from us to claim by lease or improvement any lands lying between Chedananka & the Military line.

December 7, 1795 By order of the Sachems & Warriors of our tribe. (signed) Jacob Reed

Herkimer County

Peter Marsh & Gerrit Van Slyke (now resident on Onida Reservation) being duly sworn, depose & say that they were present & saw Jacob Reed subscribe the last mentioned Certificate on the 7th day of December instant, & at the same time heard the said Jacob Reed acknowledge that he had on behalf of the Onida Nation given & entered into the foregoing agreement or lease to & with the above named Joseph Mabee & Jacob Schuyler and the deponents further say that the said agreement as aforesaid was made by the consent & approbation of the Onida Nation of Indians, as they have often heard sundry of the same Nation confess & acknowledge; particularly the said Peter Marsh says that early in the month of April last past, Schenando, Ludwick, Anthony, Jacob Dackstedder, John Denny & some others of the Chiefs of the said Nation, together with a surveyor called upon the persons in the said lease or agreement mentioned at their houses & offered & proposed to survey off the said tract to the said persons, but the survey was postponed for the reasons in the foregoing certificate of John Reed mentioned. These Deponents further say that the above named Joseph Mabee was actually resident on the said tract of land (between the Chittelingo & the Military Tract of lands) on the first of July 1794 & has occupied & improved thereon to this time by the consent of the said Onida Nation. And these Deponents further say that the said Jacob Schuyler, David Schuyler Jun. & the said Peter & Gerrit occupied

& improved the said described piece of land before & on the first day of January last past & by the consent & approbation of the Onida Nation and also that they are all of full age & have families except the said David Schuyler Jun. But _whether the dwelling houses of the said persons (except the said Joseph Mabee) are situated on the tract lately purchased of the Onida Nation these Deponents are ignorant, the line between the said tract & the Hardenburgh's location not being ascertained. & the houses standing near the same. Conrad Klock, (resident on the Onida Reservation, _being duly sworn, says that the above named persons have occupied & improved the tract of land above described for more than one year last past by the consent & approbation of the Onida Nation, as he verily believes.

Sworn this 9th day of December 1795
Before me Hugh White, Justice & Judge
(Signed) Peter Marsh, Conrad Klock
(his mark) and Gerrit Van Slyck (his mark)

SEARCHING FOR DONALD MABIE

David Wayne Mabee also wrote earlier,
"Brenda & I were in Atlanta, Georgia for the Thanksgiving holidays with our son and family and in attending church with our son, one of the parishioners walked up to our son after the service and asked the following
" Being originally from upstate New York, do you happen to know a **DONALD MABIE??** I served with him in the 490 Bombardier Group during WW 2!! I believe he either came from UTICA or ITHACA, New York and we are trying to reach him to attend our 50th reunion of the group"

This gentlemen's name is
CHARLES COFIELD and his e-mail is:
ccolfield@mindspring.com

THANKS!! D. Wayne Mabee, member #134

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