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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

John D. MayBee

Why do we do genealogy?

For a few, it is to find our ancestors for LDS temple rites. For even fewer it is to join the societies for North American descendants of the United States Revolution - the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) or the United Empire Loyalists (UEL).

But for most of us it is to answer the question, **Where Do We Come From?** . . . so we are not just looking for dates of births, marriages and deaths, but for the stories and accomplishments of our ancestors. We find these stories in many places. Census records tell us where they lived, what jobs they were working at,

their education and who were going to school, who their neighbors were, and many other things. In the 1930 census we find at what age they first married and if they had a radio. The 1900 census tells how many children a woman had born alive and how many are still living.

Birth, death and marriage records give addresses, parents and spouses names, sometimes occupations (but do remember, information on death certificates are given by grieving survivors, and are not necessarily accurate). Other records relating to a person's death are their will, probate record, and obituaries - from these we can learn who the surviving children are, where they now live and who they married. The obituary may also give a summary of the person's history and life story.

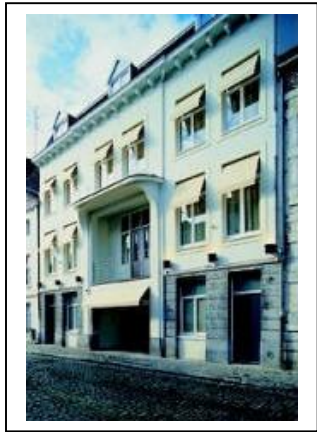
Another interesting addition to our family story are old letters. We may not keep much correspondence today, but many of our ancestors did. Letters found at the Mabee farm date back to the fifteenth century. Other records that help us learn about our families are land records, military records, pension requests, request for citizenship, newspaper articles (look in the local library), community histories, and on and on..

Diaries are an excellent insight into your ancestors personalities. I have a business record that my grandfather started when he and his family was driving horses to sell in Alaska in 1914. He died on the trip, and this record turned into my grandmother's repository for her grief and anger, as well as a records of how this young widow coped with burying her husband in a foreign land, and returned to Montana with her two small children.

The story is out there, It is up to you to find it.

HOTEL MABI

Steve Mabie, Member #257, sent this information about the Hotel Mabi in Maastricht, Netherlands.



He says, "This was sent to me by Stephen Titsworth, a descendant of Jan Mabee's half-brother William Tietsoort. Steve and I correspond regularly, trying to advance the study of both our families, as well as what is known of our common ancestor, Aechtje Jans. In this case, Steve found a modern hotel with a rather unusual name. Have to wonder where they got the name from."

RICH AND KATHIE CARPENTER **- MEMBERS # 236**

Rich and Kathie Carpenter had a very eventful year in 2003. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, moved into a lovely new home in Visalia, California where Kathie says they are serving in the ministry of Visalia First Assembly with Pastor Rich Guerra.

They also spent a week in Hawaii, three days at Cayugas, California with a side trip to Hearst Cattle, various fishing and backpacking trips in the Sierras and Kings River, deep fishing out of Morro Bay and mini racecar driving in Vegas. (Kathie's grandmother was Lottie G. Maybee Forbes.)

MAYBEES IN THE NEWS:

(I'm sorry, I don't remember who sent this article.)

The Daily News

Thursday, February 19, 1998

MAYBEE ENTERS RACE

By Brad Works, News Writer



Masstown, (Nova Scotia)– A second teacher will represent the New Democratic Party in the March 24 provincial election.

Janet Maybee, a special education teacher at the Cobequid Educational Centre, will represent the party in

Colchester North, competing with incumbent Ed Lorraine and Tory Andy Williamson.

She joins fellow teacher Ibel Scammel, the NDP candidate for Truro-Bible Hill.

Maybee was acclaimed before the dozen or so supporters who gathered in the Masstown United Church basement Wednesday night.

“I believe that good things could happen for all of us if governing could be about co-operation instead of conflict.” Maybee told her supporters. “Instead of wasting all that energy and brilliant wit trying to shoot down the enemy, we must begin working together to find creative solutions to the problems we humans face, to turn those problems into opportunities.”

She said NDP policies are created by the grassroots members, not by backroom boys or corporate sponsors.

“They are inclusive policies focusing on equality, valuing diversity, stressing fairness consensus and good will.”

Maybee said one of the biggest issues for her is local development, making it possible for the residents in Colchester North to continue to live prosperously in their communities.

“The NDP is backed by substance. For years we have been developing policies that aim to support small enterprises in local communities, and to sustain the fishing, farming and forestry jobs that are Nova Scotia’s traditional base.” Maybee explained. “The fish are gone, the trees are next, farms are in trouble

and what are rural people supposed to do?”

“Surely by now there’s been enough evidence to show that standard Liberal/Tory mega project fix doesn’t work.”

THE INHERITANCE

Charles Stoodley, Member #147 recommends that those Maybee Society members of English inheritance read “*The Inheritance, How Three Families and America Moved From Roosevelt to Reagan and Beyond*”, by Samuel G. Freedman. (Simon and Schuster 1996). Biographies include Jack Maebly, Leslie Maebly and Vilma Obrycki Maebly. (Jack Maebly is from Colony, New York.)

NEW DOCK AT MABEE FARM?

Ruthanna Glenn, Member # 121, sent us this clipping from the *Schenectady Daily Gazette*.

“ROTTERDAM JUNCTION – A nearly \$100,000 dock that will be capable of handling the largest tour boats on the state canal is being proposed on Schenectady County owned land near the historic Mabee Farm.

“The county would build the dock using a \$50,000 grant from the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, \$40,000 from its surplus and \$5,000 from the Schenectady County Historical Society, which owns the Mabee Farm.

“The project would take the “better part of a year” to design and construct, said county Legislator Judith Dagostino, D-Rotterdam.

“We’re moving forward on tourism and the development of the waterfront,” she said.

Stanley Lee, a trustee of the Schenectady County Historical Society, said he proposed dock would increase tourism at the Route 5S site, which chronicles 300 years of Dutch heritage and farming practices in the Mohawk Valley and within the area.

“The Mabee Farm sits adjacent to the Mohawk River but has no direct access to it. Attendance at the farm topped 6,000 visitors in 2003, Lee said.

“Schenectady County currently has no docks that can handle the large tourist boats that ply the canal each season”, he said.

“Dagostino said the site for the T-shaped dock will restore the historic connection both the Mabee Farm and the adjacent Native American Cultural Center had with the Mohawk River, which carries the state canal by the two sites.

“It’s a perfect setup,” she said.

The Schenectady County Historical Society is contributing money toward the project in return for an easement to the dock, Lee said.

“We’ll be able to make agreements with the (state) Canal Corp. and obtain grants because of the easement”, he said.

“The society has wanted a link to the river since it opened the farm three years ago, but did not pursue he project because of the expense, Lee said.

The county received the state grant in 2002 but did not accept it until Monday

night; Lee said the society was instrumental in lobbying the county to accept the state grant.

Wendy Gibson, spokeswoman for the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, said the money still is available and that her office would work with the count to develop the project.

“The grant will help the county develop its “eco-tourism and heritage tourism” markets, she said.”

MABIE WEST VIRGINIA

Last July, Nan Schaudt Mabie, member # 178 wrote, “During the many years that my husband, Lew Mabie, and I lived in northern Virginia, outside Washington D.C. we became aware of the fact that there exists a Mabie, West Virginia. It is 14 miles southwest of Elkins, and last fall, we made a trip there. The town is much smaller, apparently, than it once was. We stopped at the only public building we could find, the U.S. Post Office and were able to purchase for \$2 a history of the town, a copy of which is enclosed.

First called Roaring Creek, then Fisher, it became Mabie in 1897 when Colonel Mabie from Pennsylvania came to set up a lumber mill.”

Excerpts from the history follow.
Thank you, Nan.

History Of Mabie Community, Randolph County, West Virginia

Thomas Shank, December 1972

“The following information was gathered between September and December in the year 1972. As this writer was able to secure a nine page

report of the history of the town prior to 1926, it was possible to get a glimpse into its earlier history.”

“Mabie is located in Randolph County, nine miles west of Beverly and 14 miles southwest of Elkins. ‘It was first called Roaring Creek from the name of the creek which flows through it. It was then called Fisher, being named after a resident of that name. Finally, in 1897, when **W. H. Mabie** erected his band mill, it was given the name of Mabie, which it bears at the present time.’

“The first settlement in the Mabie area was made in 1786 by the Westfall, Wood and the Rev. John Rowan families.”

“In 1897 the Mabie-McClure Lumber Company set up a bandmill in the community. At his time, the dozen or so families in Fisher supported themselves by farming. Colonel Mabie, who was from Pottsville, Pennsylvania brought several families with him as a work force for his operation. He built houses near the mill land and rented them out. Soon the town’s name was changed to Mabie.”

“The first cook stove in Roaring Creek belonged to Mrs. Nancy Kittle. She boarded the travelers in the days of the stage coach and had always used a fireplace for cooking purposes. To lighten her work, she installed a cook stove. It had six lids, which were moved by using a bail like that on a syrup bucket.

“Torches, candles and grease lights were the first methods of lighting in the community.”

“In the early days, while the men hunted, fished and cleared the land, the women spent their time spinning and weaving. Calico was seventy-five cents per yard – a prohibitive price – so most of the material used was woven in the home. Julian Hurdle, a young man from Washington who was visiting his aunt, Mrs. Hillary, was so impressed by the fine spinning and weaving of the pioneer women that he persuaded Mrs. Rowan to spin thread from the wool of a black sheep and weave it into material for a suit. He had a tailor make the suit for him. The people in the city thought it was marvelous because the material was so fine.”

During the civil war – “Mr. Hillary was a wealthy man and liked to tell people about it. A story is told that one time an assessor came to the home and stayed all night, the host not knowing the official capacity of his guest. Mr. Hillary told him about his twenty-five slaves, hundreds of acres of land, bonds and money. To finish his story, he lit a cigar with a five dollar bill. When the assessor went to assess him, he was dumbfounded and wished he had not boasted so freely. He did not keep his slaves long, for the other settlers did not believe in slavery.’

“In 1916 the sawmills shut down, having exhausted the available timber in the area. The first mine that shipped coal was opened by W. H. Green I 1917 on the Kittle place.”

“Things went fairly well until 1922 when many workers broke from the union. “

“It was in these last years of the coal mine operation that Mabie had its largest

population, an estimated 1200 people. There were six stores, a YMCA, a boarding house, funeral home, doctor's office and other public services. In 1926 there were about 50 families in Mabie."

"The population of Mabie in 1972 was only about 200." .

RENDELL MABEY'S LEGACY

From *The L.D.S. Church News*, January 17, 2004

The dedication of the L.D.S. Temple in Ghana was the culmination of a work begun in 1978 when Elder Rendell Mabey and Sister Rachel Mabey, along with Elder Ted Cannon and Sister Janath Cannon arrived in Ghana as the first L.D.S. missionaries.

QUERIES: MOHAWK WOMEN & DUTCH MEN

Charles Case Stoodley, Member #147, writes to ask about Mohawk women who married "Dutch" men. He says, "my research into marriages and the ancestry of a number of Mohawk women who married European "Dutch" men truly conforms to the Sisyphian effort. The nearer my destination the more I'm slip-sliding away. My historical readings have lead me back, back, backward in time and ancestry, but finding specific references to such people as or 'nth' great-grandmother, Anna Borsboom and her Mohawk ancestry seems to be as vague as the reference cited in Pearson's "*Schenectady Families of JPS*", p. 118) Anna Pieterse Jacobse Borsboom is "something related to the (Mohawk) Christian Castle". Curiously enough, Molly Brant's mother was also Mohawk Wolf Clan and named Margaret in the

Anglican/Episcopal Church Register at Canajoharie."

He would like any referrals or references. He says, "I have two very good resources:

1. "*Strangers in Blood, Fur Trade Company Families in Indian Country*" by Jennifer S. H. Brown, Vancouver, B.C., of British Columbia Press, 1980. Advantages of employees of the Hudson's Bay Company marrying native women.
2. *The Beaver* – (Canada's History Magazine) founded by Hudson's Bay Co., Published by Canada's National History Society. (www.thebeaver.ca)

Winter 1977 – "Back Issues" article "*Fur Trade Children Away At School.*"

April-May 1993, Vol. 73; #2
P. 17-26 "*Buckskin Soldier, The Rise And Fall of Major Robert Rogers*" (b. Nov 1731 in N.H. of Irish parents James and Mary Rogers. D. London, England 18 May 1795. British Army; retired as Lt. Col. Army Career in Northern Frontier of New York, New Hampshire, raid – Oct. 1759 on San Francis (now P.Q.) near Montreal.)

Ibid. Vol. 73i; #2, pp.35-39 by Ms. Morag Maclachlan "*The Case for Francis Noel Annance.*" (Francis Noel Annance 1789-abt. 1867) was described by Hudson's Bay Company Governor George

Simpson as “an Abeneki half-breed”, great grandson of 2 Abeneki captives, Samuel Gill and Rosalie James of New England who grew up and remained at St. Francis (now Quebec), Province (PQ) Canada”

CHARLES L. “CHUCK” MABEE

Frances Hindmarsh sent this obituary from the *Aylmer Express*, 18 Feb 2004, p 13 {Aylmer, Elgin County ON}.

“A funeral for Charles L. “Chuck” Mabee, 72, of RR7 Tillsonburg, has been arranged for Wednesday, February 18, at Verhoeve Funeral Homes, Tillsonburg at 2 p.m.

He died at home on February 14, 2004.

Mr. Mabee and wife Kathy owned and operated Mabee Field Stone and Garden Centre in Tillsonburg.

He also drove truck for a car carrying company.

Mr. Mabee was born December 6, 1931, to the late Basil D. and Madolene (Beesley) Mabee.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, C. Katherine “Kathy” (Richardson) Mabee; a son, Paul Mabee and wife Dina of Brownsville; a daughter, Heather Mabee of Brampton; grandchildren David, Melissa and Christopher Mabee. He is also survived by a brother Thomas Mabee and wife Margaret of Tillsonburg, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by a son David Mabee in 1974.

The Rev. Gary Shuttleworth of St. Paul’s United Church, Tillsonburg will conduct the services with cremation to follow.”

WITH A NAME LIKE MAYBEE...

With a name like Maybee, Mabie, Mabey, etc. you need to have a sense of humor. I don’t think that any branch of the family has more of a sense of humor than Mel Bob Maybee’s group. When his grand niece, Jenee Maybee married a Mr. Guess, the judge said, “Do you take this man to be your lawfully wedded husband?” and Jenee answered “Maybee”. When the judge said, “Do you take this woman as your lawfully wedded wife?”, he answered, “I guess.”

The name also brings many opportunities for puns when it comes to e-mail addresses. For instance, Christopher Charles Maybee who wrote from Southampton, England inquiring about the Maybee Society. His email is yesnomaybee@ntlworld.com.

Barbara Abel also has an unusual email address - maybeomeday@juno.com

NEWSLETTERS – PRINTED OR EMAIL

There are many advantages to both forms of newsletters. Obviously, if you do not have a computer or the internet, the only choice is a printed one. The printed version is also easier to read and can be taken anywhere.

One advantage of the e-mail version (aside from the lower cost) is that you can cut and paste articles that you want to save and compile them for your direct line. (Please remember, however, that the information which is submitted by

members is for sharing only and is not to be used for profit.)

If you currently get a printed version and would also like an e-mail newsletter, **we will send it to you at no extra charge.** Just send a request to me; Barbara Maybee Carter at: -maybe3@juno.com.

2003 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income:

Dues 1339

Expenditures:

Bank Charges	60
Computer software, hardware & repair	350
Desk	50
Folding, stuffing	200
Office supplies	70
Petty cash	76
Postage	350
Toner	<u>150</u>
Total Exp.	1306
Bal. Forward	33

NEW MEMBERS

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Kenneth E. Mabey, Member #158 sent in memberships for his son and daughter.

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The family line: Edward Gruet Mabey & Edna Luella Sutton; Edward Milton Mabey & Alice Jane Barnes; Horace Mabey & Laura Gruett; Alanson Mabee & Eliza Spettigue; Solomon Mabey & Rosannah Lovel; Abraham Mabie & Sara Gates; Abraham Maebie and Silvia Coquillet.

WELCOME BACK TO:

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Wilfred has been inactive for several years.

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