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## The President's Corner

As we all know by now, the Maybee Society researches the Maybee, Mabie, Mabee, Mabey, Maeby, et al, families trying to find our ancestors and learn their stories. Presently we have over 30,000 individuals in our database, and we add people and information continuously. The more information that is shared with us, the more we can share with you. We share all information on people who are no longer living (with the exception of some information that the submitting member feels is too sensitive to disclose to the public). We do not put information about any living people on our RootsWeb site, nor give it out to the public without the permission of the sender.

We share this information with the world at large on our RootsWeb site <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=mabie-maybee> for the North American originated families and <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=mabey> for the Mabey families originating in England. For members, we will prepare a The Master Genealogist© file for TMG users, or a GedCom file that can be imported to other

Genealogical Software Programs. For those that do not use a program, we will email you a narrative of your family ancestry. For those of you without a computer or internet connection, we can print out some selected family data for you,- narratives, Family Group Sheets, etc., but printing and mailing does get expensive and so we must charge for more than ten sheets. A price of 5¢ per sheet is the approximate cost. Contact Barbara or me with your requests.

### **GOLDIE MABEY de LA VERGNE**

Ken Mabey, #158, writes,  
“Goldie De La Vergne died peacefully in her sleep at 1:30 a.m., July 1st, 2006. She was the great-great- granddaughter of Mary Avery and Enoch Mabey and so a descendent of Benjamin and Sarah Avery, of "the beautiful little stone". Goldie's grandmother was Mary L. Mabey, who married Uriah Stevens. Mary was the daughter of Stephen E. Mabey, one of Enoch and Mary's sons.

She was born 28 Sept. 1911, Goldie Stevens, and lived most of her life in the Freehold-

Greenville area of Greene County, NY. She died at 1:30 a.m., Saturday, July 1, 2006 at the home of her daughter, Geraldine Smith, with whom she had lived in Albany, for the last 30 years, since the death of her husband, Ted De La Vergne. She is survived by her daughters, Geraldine Smith and Yvonne D. Mabey (Wayne) who were with her at the time of her death. She is also survived by grandchildren, Holly Williams of New York City and South Westerlo, N.Y., Margaret Johannesen of Florida and Joanna Mc Naughton of California, Erin Mabey Hawks (Bruce) of Poughkeepsie; Michael Wayne Mabey (Lu) of Port Ewen, NY; Sean Kenneth Mabey (Tina) of Atlanta, Georgia. Also, great grandchildren, Rachel, Ryan, and Ian( Erin & Bruce); Aidan and Liam(Mike & Lu) and Madison and Braxton, (Sean & Tina); Jenny Bruen of Arlington, Va. Jenny has a new baby daughter, (great-great-grandchild) that Goldie got see the week before she died.(Aidan and Madison are both girls) Goldie's ashes will be interred in the Stevens family plot in the Greenville Cemetery in accordance with her wishes and near her immediate family, parents, aunts, uncles and siblings, as well as her grandparents Mary Mabey Stevens and Uriah Stevens.

Both of Goldie's daughters, Geraldine and Yvonne were with her though she had not been conscious for that day. She was under hospice care, but as recent as a month ago her mind was still keen and her memory excellent. She would have been 95 in September. It was due to Goldie that I got the necessary information to research the children and grandchildren of Enoch and Mary along with your help on the Avery side. I was able to send her quite a file of information that she was very pleased to have. We talked on the phone about 2 years ago and she was very enthusiastic and happy to recall her "roots". She was quite hard of hearing, so we did not

talk after that, but I kept in touch through my Brother Wayne and Vonnie and sometimes talked to Gerry.

An interesting story about Goldie's passing- She had lived with her daughter for many years, and that was where she died. At 12:30 a.m. Gerry and Vonnie were awakened by the phone - it was Goldie's sister-in-law, Edith, widow of Warren Stevens (Goldie's brother). She was of course enquiring about Goldie's condition. The strange thing was that she chose to call at such a late hour- probably couldn't sleep and Goldie was on her mind. After the phone conversation, the daughters both noticed that Goldie's breathing was labored and irregular and she died shortly after. Whether a coincidence or something else - it made an impression on everyone. We will all miss "Grandma Goldie" as she was affectionately called by the extended family but her long life and clarity of her mind until recently were a blessing to all, though her quality of life had been declining over the past year. How fortunate we were to have her as a link to our past. Goldie was a Mabey descendent. Her grandmother was Mary Louisa Mabey (who married Uriah Stevens), daughter of Stephen E. Mabey and Lucy Teats (son of Enoch and Mary Avery Mabey, etc.. Goldie was responsible for getting us the information on the Stephen E. Mabey line. She had a keen mind and fantastic memory right up to her final days and took great interest in her family ,past and present. Goldie recalled hiding under Grandma Mary's hoop skirts, from her brother Warren, even though Mary died when Goldie was about 3 or 4 years of age. Goldie's parents were Alvan Stevens and Josie Chappel- Stevens”

**FROM JEANINE KOWALSKI,**  
**MEMBER #317**

Jeanine has been working hard on getting family records. She sent the following information to the Maybee Society. All of it has been entered on the data base. If you are interested in the full text of one of the obituaries, but don't have access to the data base, please contact the Maybee Society. (see President's Corner, page 1.)

***Obits from the Tonawanda Herald:***

Son of Capt. N. Maybee – obit June 10, 1887  
Mrs. Margaret Maybee – July 10, 1890  
Capt. Nicholas Maybee – Aug. 11, 1887

***Obits from Tonawanda Evening News:***

Mrs. Olive Maybee – March 7, 1917  
Gerald N. Mabey – Nov. 9, 1992  
Levi Maybee – May 2, 1932  
Mrs. Charlotte Maybee – July 1, 1932

Other records:

Ada Mabie and Henry A. Insley, married  
April 21, 1876

Sept 10, 1884 –Obit. for Dr. Gilead Maybee

**Tonawanda City Cemetery**

Charlotte Maybee and Levi Maybee  
1858-1932                      1855-1932

Olive, wife of Edgar Maybee 1844-1917

Marriage of Colbey Mabie and Miss  
Elizabeth M. Neal

Maybee \_\_\_\_\_ (Dr.) of Little Falls, died  
8/30/1824 in Ballston Spa.

Church records

**1850** -Mabe, Maria  
1841. Mabie Loisa  
1836 Mabie, Polly  
1840 - Mabie, Rascom  
1838 Mabie, Aaron and Amy

1872 - Mabie, Elijah and Caroline  
1842 - Mabie, Cyrus  
1834 - Mabie, Rachel and Susannah  
1834 - Mabie, Jacob  
1843 – Mabie, Jacob and wife Mary  
Mabie, Permelia  
1829 - Mabie, Elder Daniel and wife Rachel  
1843 - Mabee, Daniel and wife Harriet  
1841 - Mabie, Elias  
1840 - Mabie, Hiram  
1841 - Maybee, Hannah  
1841 - Maybee Jacob  
1841 - Mabie, William & wife  
1841 – Mabie, Henry  
1840 – Maybee, Lydia Elvira  
1843 – Jacob and wife Mary  
1831 - Mabie, Permelia  
Mabie, Elder Daniel dismissed 1839, Died  
1843 and wife Rachel died March 31, 1832  
Marriages Bagnall-Dora F. and John W.  
Maybe, August 27, 1874

**CHRISTMAS STORIES:**

This year the accounts are of Christmases celebrated by Mabey families in New Zealand, Alberta, Canada and Bountiful, Utah.

**CHRISTMAS IN ALBERTA, CANADA – 1906**

Excerpts from a history of the Mabey family who came from Dorset, England in 1747, written by Mary Louise Mabey Smith, Member #77.

“Harry Mabey and his younger brother, Joe H. Mabey, filed for a homestead in Canada. The family moved to Canada and were among the first settlers near Wainwright. Lolo Mabey was for years a teacher in the school in Wainwright. When a new school was built in 1955 it was named for her.”

“Lolo Montana Mabey was born in Missoula, Montana, where Seba Mabey looked out the

hospital window and could see the Lolo Mountains. Hence her name.”

Lolo writes, “Soon the days were getting colder. Winter was coming. The last of October one morning several men with four horse teams came to our place to go with Dad and Lee Wells to Vermillion. All were going for the winter’s groceries and feed for the horses. Not long after they left, it started to snow heavily. They had a hard time getting to Vermillion through the drifts with the horses. Sleighs had to be brought to bring the things home. It was stormy for several days and very cold. They brought the mail for the homesteaders out our way. There were sacks and sacks. We always had *New Weekly Posts* and *Collins’ Weekly*, besides all the monthly magazines and many, many letters.

Soon came December and we knew Christmas would be here soon. What to do, with no shops to buy gifts from. Of course, Mother had the answer. We began to make little things for gifts; sachet and needle books, covered boxes with ribbons for keepsakes and we were very busy and all was secret. No one had been to Vermillion since the first part of November, and no mail. We didn’t know about gifts coming in the mail anyway. The nearer it came, the more carols we sang. We dressed our dolls in their laciest dresses and washed and ironed and hung up our stockings. We were awake and whispering early, but had to stay in bed until Dad had the living room all warm, then he called us down. Not a sound did we make, just looked at our play table. It was lit by many white candles, piled so high with gifts so gay and plates of homemade candy. I turned to look at my stocking behind the heater. My mouth flew open, my eyes opened wide. I couldn’t move or talk, for in each was a lovely big doll with real hair and eyes that went fast asleep. It had to have been Santa as no one had been to town. I don’t think I spoke more than a

dozen words for half an hour. I was too full to speak.”

## CHRISTMAS IN NEW ZEALAND

William Mabey was born in Cerne Abbas, Dorset, England. He married Sarah Ann Riggs in 1859 at Cerne, Dorset, England. The couple moved to Maramarua, New Zealand.

Cutting tracks and forging streams, the Mabeys arrived in Maramarua from Auckland in a bullock dray on 16 January 1869. They built whares and named their settlement "Mabey-Town" near Stoney Creek and Mabey Hill. In 1885 they moved to Mangatawhiri where William worked as a bushman and gumdigger.

Christmas in New Zealand.

The New Zealand Christmas tree is called Pohutukawa and its flowers are a brilliant scarlet throughout the Christmas season. Since Christmas occurs in summer, New Zealanders do not have a tradition of snow and ice. The Mabeys, like many other people in New Zealand probably followed the old English traditions and had turkey and plum pudding, but these are often served with cold salads. No one would think Christmas complete without a fluffy Pavlova.

Because so many people from the Northern hemisphere came to live in New Zealand, it eventually became the tradition to have two Christmases, one on the 25th of December and the other in July, which is mid-winter.

Many people in New Zealand will create a traditional Maori hangi. This is essentially a big hole in the ground which is heated with hot rocks placed in it. It's filled up with baskets of food, covered and then allowed to cook underground. By the time the food

comes out, everyone is anxiously waiting for the tender pork, chicken, kumara, pumpkin, potatoes and stuffing. Usually the hangi is served in the late afternoon or early evening. After the meal, folks often sit around singing carols as it gets dark.

### **CHRISTMAS IN THE PIONEER STATE OF UTAH**

From “*Our Father’s House*” by Charles Rendell Mabey.

Joseph Thomas Mabey And Sarah Lucretia Tolman came from Dorset, England and settled in Bountiful, Utah. They left May 6, 1862, sailing on the American ship Manchester. This is written about their winter.

“The winter came on and usually found every person in comfortable if not commodious quarters. Then were the rude entertainments, dancing, skating, socials, parties and what not. And where was there ever a young man in his teens and his early twenties who didn’t take keen pleasure in all these things? Of course, money was a scarce article and the youth who took his partner to the dance might also be seen with his gallon of molasses, or his bushel of wheat, his dried fruit, or some other commodity to pay the fiddler and the other musicians. Once in the hall, the school house was generally used for this purpose, one found none of our smooth hardwood floors, polished to mirror brightness, but rough pine boards with the knots conspicuous and plentiful.

“Often at night we gathered around and played games and made molasses candy. If we cared to, we might kindle a fire and play far into the night, roasting potatoes, eating candy and playing games. We made our own entertainment with sleigh rides, cottage

meetings, surprise parties and dances. Father was a devout man, but he believed that all work and no play either makes Jack a dull boy or something worse. He was no fanatic, but a real Christian. He preferred to keep his children at home where he knew what they were doing.”

The Mabeys may have also gone to the celebrations in Salt Lake City. Residents from Bountiful often walked the 10 miles to Salt lake. One year, Joseph’s mother was ill and craved a little sugar. Joseph walked all the way to Salt Lake with fifty cents in his pocket. When he told the storekeeper what he wanted and the amount of money he had, the latter said, “I’m sorry, my boy. Sugar is a dollar a pound, but I can let you have half a pound” So the purchase was made and the youth trudged all the way back home.

Celebrations in Salt Lake often were begun early on Christmas morning with the brass band playing. In most communities there were many dances, plays at the playhouse and community Christmas parties for all ages.

### **DUES:**

I know it is easy to forget when you last paid dues. Please check the envelope this newsletter came in to see the current status of your dues. Dues for the year 2007 are due in January.

### **NEW ADDRESSES:**

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**: SOUTH VALLEY REUNION:**



The 82nd Annual Mabie Family Reunion was held at the Robinson Road, Mohawk, home of Mick and Barb (Brodie) Kineke on Sunday, July 9, with 43 people attending, three of whom were visitors. The reunion turned out great, despite the fact that a portion of Robinson Road, right up to the Kineke house, was closed due to the flooding from the two weeks before. We all enjoyed a beautiful day of sunshine.

Those attending from New York State were from South Valley, Cherry Valley, Mohawk, Ilion, Fort Plain, Fonda, Gloversville, McGraw, Port Crane, Richfield Springs, and Wellsville. Others were from Meadville, Pennsylvania and Summerfield, Florida.

The Brodie family won all the family statistic honorable mentions!

The oldest family member present was Luella (Mabie) Brodie, 86 years old, of South Valley. The youngest was Karis Elizabeth Brodie, six month old daughter of Adam and Susan Brodie, of South Valley.

The largest generation present was that of Elliot and Luella (Mabie) Brodie, of South Valley, with four generations in attendance. Elliot and Luella also had the largest representation of one family present, with 24 family members attending.

The family with the most children present was Elliot and Luella (Mabie) Brodie, with all seven children attending. This is the first time since the 71st reunion, on Aug. 13, 1995, that all seven have been able to attend at the same time.

Traveling the farthest distance were Elliot "Sonny" Jr. and Linda Brodie, of Summerfield, Florida., who traveled over 1,250 miles.

Following the meal, President Bob Mabie, of Gloversville, presided over the meeting and also spoke a few words in memory of his brother, David Wayne Mabie, 67, of Ballston Lake, who lost a

sudden battle to cancer on Aug. 15, 2005, just a few weeks after he had attended the Mabie Reunion at the Mabee Farm in Rotterdam Junction. As with others who have passed on, we will also greatly miss Wayne each year as the reunion rolls around.

Historian Barb Kineke, of Mohawk, gave the past year's report which included one birth, eight deaths, four marriages, one high school graduation, one college graduation, and one entering the Military.

There were also 14 special anniversaries noted: four five-year, two 10-year, two 20-year, two 25-year, one 30-year, two 35-year, one 50-year, and one 60-year. Earl and Marietta Morrison Mabie were married over 60 years ago on February 1, 1945.

Items of special notice over the past year included the Memorial service where Linda Ruth Mabie of South Valley, NY, who passed away on Dec. 4, 2004. was honored for donating her eyes to give the gift of sight to another. Also mentioned were school and college induction ceremonies and a family member who won the title of Schoharie County Maple Association Maple Queen runner-up.

Barb also read a health update on Clara (Mabie) McCardle, formerly of Worcester, who now lives with her son, David, in Louisiana. The year's report also noted Grace Thompson's April 26 stroke and her moving into the St. Johnsville Rehab Nursing Care Center on May 3, where she remains a resident. Cheery "missing you" cards were passed around for everyone to sign, which were later mailed to Clara and Grace. Both ladies were missed as they have regularly attended past reunions.

Also, at this year's reunion was a table where family members shared their historian findings, records and photos. Bill Mabie proudly displayed his grandfather E. Herbert Mabie's Roseboom Assessment Roll Book, dated 1908.

Next years reunion will be held at President Bob Mabie's home in Gloversville, NY. It will be on July 8, 2007.

Although this is a chance for the South Valley branch to get together, we welcome all and any Mabies who would like to join us. William Mabie moved from Schoharie County to Otsego County in the mid to late 1830's. He and wife Sophia Scripture Mabie became parents to 12 children. Some of these children relocated to other areas and states. We enjoy hearing from descendants of all these different lines.

If you have any questions regarding the names of William and Sophias children please email Barb Kineke at [send2barb2@juno.com](mailto:send2barb2@juno.com) and put Mabie Query in the subject line. I will be glad to get back to you. Or my mailing address is Barb Kineke 801 Robinson Road, Mohawk, NY 13407.

### **STEVE MABIE'S ARTICLE – HEBRON MABEE**

The name Hebron Mabee appears only in the 1810 Census in the Town of Delhi, Delaware County, NY. Based solely on location, he appears to have been a grandson of Abraham Mabie and Sylvia Coquillet through their son John, who relocated to Delaware County with his nephew Daniel in 1797. As it turns out, his name appeared frequently in newspapers across the United States during the early months of 1811.

Dated January 25, Pittsburgh, PA, the following news article appeared in at least 10 newspapers during February and March, one of which was the American Watchman of 2/6/1811.



On Monday last two men of the name of **HEBRON MABEE** and **ALEXANDER M'INTOSH**, were committed to the Jail of this county, for passing Counterfeit Notes on the Bank of Baltimore—After their commitment they made an acknowledgement of their villainy, and stated that they reside in Delaware county, state of New York; that M'Intosh obtained the notes from one Millard of Connecticut, who got them from a man the name of Boyce, of Elizabethtown, county of Leeds, Upper Canada, who is said to be the manufacturer—3660 dollars, in bills of 20 dollars each on the Bank of Baltimore, were found in their possession, and a bill of 50 dollars on the Farmer's and Mechanic's Bank, of Philadelphia. They also state, that *James Calder* and *John Ray* of Delaware county, state of New York, are concerned in circulating these notes, and have now in their possession a large quantity of them. The notes on the Bank of Baltimore are all of the date of Mry 1st, 1800, and are easily detected by any person who has a tolerable knowledge of the genuine bills.—

Printers of newspapers throughout the United States, and particularly in the state of New-York, would do well to publish the foregoing, and stop, if possible, the circulation of the counterfeit notes therein described.

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