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The President's Corner

I have had a life changing experience. In early October, while I was installing a hardwood floor at my house, I had a minor fall and tore the quadriceps tendons in both legs. Without the use of these tendons, I could not straighten out my knees. I was taken to the emergency room, where an x-ray showed nothing. The hospital wanted to send me home, but I convinced them to do an MRI, where the torn tendons were apparent. Surgery to my knees, complete immobilization for six weeks, and now intensive physical therapy, will bring my knees to near normal.

Then I thought about my ancestors. Even one generation ago, with no MRI, it may have been too late, when they finally discovered the torn tendons. Prior to that, a person would be crippled for the rest of their life. Ever since Pieter Casparzen van Naarden, we Maybees have gone to the frontier; first to Albany and Schenectady, and as they filled up

to Woestina (the wilderness greater than five miles west of Schenectady); and then to the Mohawk Valley, then on to Ontario or Michigan, and to Indiana, Missouri, Minnesota, Hawaii, etc. Always among the first to arrive, and their children in their turn, moving on again.

What would be the fate of an old man with no knees on the frontier? A recently vigorous man placed in a chair by the fire, carried to the privy by his children, loved but resented. He would not have lasted long. Now in our generation, I will soon be able to walk back into a full life. Studying genealogy has given me a great feel for our ancestors, and makes me so glad that I am living in this present.

### WILLARD AND MAISIE MAYBEE

Kimberley Nuttle, a prospective Maybee Society member, writes, "My grandmother, Maisie Maybee, was very interested in genealogy and researched both hers and my Grandfather's. Both of my grandparents passed away last year. I know that they had attended at least one (possibly more) reunions over the past years. My grandmother's and grandfather's obituaries are below.



***Willard R. Maybee***

**November 11th, 1915 - June 12, 2006**  
**Safety Harbor, FL - formerly of**  
**Oswegatchie, N.Y.**

He was born in Fine, N.Y., and moved to Florida in 1977 from New York. He retired as a foreman after 34 years with LTV Steel Co., Star Lake, N.Y. He was a life member of Masonic Lodge 687 and a past master of Subordinate Grange, both of New York, and a member of the New York State Assessment Assistants. He enjoyed being outdoors, fishing, boating and hunting.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years Maisie M.; a daughter,

Brenda J. Rothwell, Safety Harbor; a son, Phillip L., Ortonville, Mich.; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three nieces.

He will be cremated (National Cremation Society, Clearwater) and his ashes will remain in Florida with his wife until such time that they can be buried together in Oswegatchie, N.Y.

### MAISIE MAYBEE OBIT



***Maisie M. Maybee***

***Watertown Daily Times***

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

"Maisie M. Maybee, 85, Safety Harbor, Fla., formerly of Oswegatchie and Wanakena, died Nov. 2 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, Mich. She was a homemaker.

Born Nov. 10, 1920, in Oswegatchie, daughter of George and Mary Gregg, she graduated from the Oswegatchie Union School and attended business school in Watertown.

She married Willard R. Maybee on Nov. 6, 1939, in Carthage. Mr. Maybee died June 12.

Mrs. Maybee was a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Fine, a member of the Presbyterian Church, Wanakena, and a former member of the Women of the Moose, Clearwater, Fla. She enjoyed sewing, painting, craft work, knitting, dancing, and researching genealogy for the book she wrote on the McBroom Family.

Surviving are a daughter, Brenda J. Rothwell, Safety Harbor; a son and his wife, Phillip L. and Judy, Ortonville, Mich., three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A brother, Clarence Gregg, died September . 23, 1974.

A graveside service for Maisie and Willard Maybee will be at a later date in Oswegatchie Cemetery. Arrangements were with the Cremation Society of Michigan.

Donations may be made to the Oswegatchie Cemetery Association, c/o A.D. Brown, 605 Oswegatchie Trail Road, Oswegatchie, N.Y. 13670."

#### **MEMBERS WRITE:**

John A. (Jack) Maybee, Member #58 and past Maybee Society President wrote last June,

"How are you and how are all the Society people? Did you know I had an operation last month and expect to be here for another couple of weeks or so! Also, I'm reading "***The Island at the Center of the World,***" by Russell Shorto; As I read, I keep placing ***Pieter C., Jan P., Albert***

***Bradt and Teunis S., and P. J. Borsboom*** in the story, especially in the 1650's when Pieter Stuyvesant started Beaverwyck in the 1650's. We know the Borsbooms were there; ***Pieter J. Bors.*** sold his brick yard about 1661 and bought into the Schenectady patent!

If you look at the dates for ***Maritie B.*** when she married ***Hendrick Brower***, she was most likely born in the late 1650's. And we know that ***William Tietsoort*** was in Schenectady before the massacre, and he was a blacksmith. So, it is pretty easy to see why Jan came to Albany and Schenectady. Have a nice day. Jack."

He also mentions later in a letter to Charles Stoodley, "You don't know how good it feels to walk around in your own home if you've spent time in the hospital! " It feels good to be warm all the time. Slept in my own bed (some) last night. "

Charles Stoodley, Member #147, adds, "In response to your brother John's call for English Maybee information, I sent him a copy of the cover page of ***The Inheritance*** (1996) , wherein one of 3 families featured is another Jack Mabee of English ancestry.

#### **QUERY:**

This query was forwarded from Charles Case Stoodley, Member # 147 If you have any information, please contact him at: [casestoodley@yahoo.com](mailto:casestoodley@yahoo.com)

“Greetings from Wisconsin!

As I was doing genealogy on my husband's Grandparents to the 5<sup>th</sup>. Degree genealogy, I pulled up your website and, I think, our families are connected through the Palmontier line. From my data, I have surmised that Helen Palmontier who married John Mabee in the late 1700's had a sister Maria/Marla Palmontier who married James DeGolier/DeGoyler around 1780. The sister's parents were Isaac Palmontier and Eleanore, “Lena” Van Der Bogart from the Schenectady area. Maria Palomontier DeGolier, born around 1780 in Poughkeepsie, NY died in February 1836 in Prattsburgh, Steuben C. NY. If you go to DEGOLIER/DEGOYLER genealogy website you will find pages of ancestors and mention of Maria who married James II. ANYWAY, what I am looking for is more information on the Helena “Lena” Patronymic Myndertse Van Der Bogart that is mentioned in your research. It seems to stop with her death in 1837 and I cannot trace her back to her parents etc. Do you have any further information on her line?

Diane Beversdorf  
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**ABRAHAM MABIE'S BARN USED  
FOR BODIES**

Submitted by Jeanine Kowalski,  
Member #317

On July 18, 1748, Adam Conde was killed by the Indians at the Beukendal massacre, which was one of the last outrages of the French and Indian War. This occurred near the old De

Graaf house about three miles west of the Schenectady Turnpike.

The tradition in the Conde family, which is fully as authentic as others, especially as the family has lived for generations in the immediate vicinity, related that a party of men had assembled to “raise” a barn on the Toll property, near the De Graaf house, when they heard a turkey call up the little creek from which Beukendal, or Beech valley, gets its name. The party accordingly took their guns and started up the gully in pursuit of the game, but had gone only a short distance when they were ambushed by Indians. Those who survived the first onslaught retreated to the De Graaf house which they defended until relieved by a party of militia from Schenectady. In this skirmish twenty men were killed, Adam Conde being one of the number, and thirteen or fourteen were taken captive and carried back to Canada. The dead were taken to Schenectady and laid out in the old church burying ground which lay under what is now the intersection of State and Church streets; the location now being marked by a stone bearing a bronze tablet. Over this spot now flows the entire traffic across the great new bridge spanning the Mohawk River, dedicated in 1926 and known as the “Great Western Gateway”.

Source: New York Genealogical  
Records Vol. 59, page 133.



**John Wilbur Maybee**

### **JOHN WILBUR (JACK) MAYBEE**

John Wilbur (“Jack”) Maybee, (1874 – 1943) was the son of Milo Maybee and Mary Amanda Rufus (Jan Pieterse Mabee and Anna Borsboom’s line).

He had a very wry sense of humor and wrote a semi fictionalized account of his life in the book, “***Black Night Hawks of Man Trap Basin***”.

His older brother, born in 1872, was named Bert and he had a sister, Pearl, born in 1878 and another sister, Stella who was born in 1880. Pearl died in a prairie fire when she was just a year old.

He tells in his book how an Indian came in March of 1881 and told Milo, using signs and gestures that they needed to leave the area. (Jack would have been about seven years old.) Milo asked the Indian and his family to come in and eat. The Indian did not even want to unload his ponies. Their belongings were loaded on poles, one end of which trailed on the snow. The loads had crosspieces to hold them together.

Milo whistled to Mary Amanda like a whippoorwill and she came and gave the horses some hay and then Milo said. “Get supper as quick as you can for all handy” and Milo started to

harness the horses. Soon they had on the hayrack and a load of hay and corn stalks. There was a feed box on behind the cow’s calf so that the cow would follow. The family and the Indian’s family ate quickly, and then they tied the horses and started for the bluffs. Mama packed quilts and washed the dishes quickly.

The squaw was taking care of all the children, all but Johnny. Johnny says he did not need anyone to take care of him. What he needed he says, “was someone to whisper to him what it was all about. He had some wild theories –for instance that the Indians were going to burn them all at the stake and throw the cow and calf in to save building two fires. It looked to Johnny very bad, but boys were not allowed to ask questions out of school and very few in school.”

It was 3 or 4 miles to the top of the bluffs. Johnny jumped off the wagon to get his dog’s dish and was left behind for a while. It was “breaking day” so he could follow the road. He was barefoot and it was getting cold. He says, “boys and men in those days were not supposed to cry, but he made up his mind that no one could know if he did cry just a little, and cry he did, a- plenty. He had nearly given up when he saw a big fire. He was on a little raise and lo, he heard his papa yell, “get up there, Texas, come on Prince”. He would know that voice among ten thousand and there was Prince, white face, some

was the big buck on his black pony.”

Milo had realized Johnny was missing and turned around to find him. His dad and the Indian were so glad to see him that they both gave him a big hug.

They wrapped the cold boy in a blanket and Milo sang “*The Hat Me Father Wore*”, and “*Marching Through Georgia*”. He had never held Johnny so tight before.

Pretty soon they came in sight of the fire. Bert met them and told them that there was a big dam of ice up the Missouri River, the water backing up higher and higher and when the ice broke everything would be washed away.”

” (From “*Yankton, City with a Past*)  
“ The winter of 1880-1881 saw snowstorm after snowstorm, and when the snow melted in the spring a huge flood destroyed many of the riverboats and the docks on Levee Street.

Dr. Nelson Armstrong described the flood in his book, *Nuggets of Experience*.

“On Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, the ice gave way in the river at Yankton. Hundreds of people were on the banks to witness its going out, and the sight was grand; but as I stood there in the silence gazing upon all those acres of ice moving down in a gigantic body, sweeping all before it, a tremulous sensation seemed to creep over me, as if I were reading an approaching calamity.”

Since the ice had not given way any farther down the stream, the water backed up and started to overflow the lowlands. By Monday the entire Jim River bottom was inundated from bluff to bluff. “

**MAYBEE, Gareth Edward, O.C., B.A., LL.B.**  
— Died at his home in Port Credit, Ontario on the 28th day of January 1996, in his 94th year. Mr. Maybee was a life member of the Law Society of Upper Canada, a past president of the Patent and Trademark Institute of Canada and the Lawyers Club of Toronto. A life member of the International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property. Mr. Maybee was a honorary member of the Rotary Club of Toronto, named a Paul Harris Fellow. Mr. Maybee who retired in 1967, was senior partner in the patent law firm of Ridout & Maybee established by his father J. Edward Maybee more than 100 years ago. Active in local affairs in his early years he was solicitor for the village of Port Credit and latterly a member of the Planning Board and of the South Peel Board of Education. He was the author of articles on patent and trademark law and co-author of the History of the Patent and Trademark Profession in Canada (1985). He is survived by his wife Phyllis (Fryer), three daughters, Jane (Mrs. Edward Stock), Nancy (Mrs. Clair Archer) and Lynn (Mrs. Keith Watson), 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. A private family service was held at Trinity Anglican Church. Cremation. Interment Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Rotary Club Charitable Foundation of Toronto c/o The Royal York, 100 Front Street W., Toronto, Ontario M5J 1E4, or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

#### DUES:

We have decided to have a drawing again. The name of every member who has paid their dues up to date (including 2008) by the end of January will be placed in a hat and 2 names will be drawn. ***The winners will get 2 years of the Communicator free.*** Winners will be announced in the February issue

## **Jacob Maybee, Veteran of the Battle of San Jacinto**

For those of you who are not familiar with Texas history, the Battle of San Jacinto occurred on April 21, 1836, some 6 weeks after the fall of the Alamo, and as a result of the Texians victory over Santa Ana, Texas achieved its independence from Mexico.

One of the Texians who fought in the battle was a Jacob Maybee. During a trip to Houston this summer, I visited Jacob's grave in the Founder's Memorial Cemetery and I took this photo.



The headstone was erected in 1936, paid for by the Texas Historical Commission. I have been trying, unsuccessfully so far, to identify this particular Jacob Maybee. Here's what I have learn thus far.

He came to Texas in 1835, as is stated in Headright Certificate No. 86 issued to him February 2, 1838 for one-third of a league of land by the Board of Land Commissioners of Harrisburg (now Harris) County. Comptroller's Military Service Record No. 499 states that Jacob Maybee enlisted in Captain William S. Fisher's

Company of "Velasco Blues", on April 21 fought at San Jacinto and was discharged June 22, 1836.

Bounty Certificate No, 2980 for 320 acres of land was issued in the name of Jacob Maybee, April 23, 1838, due him for three months service in the army. This was lost and a duplicate issued later was delivered to Benjamin C. Franklin.

Jacob Maybee died at Houston, February 8, 1838. Knowing that he was likely to die he, on February 5 in the presence of James McGee, John Shea, James Ferguson, Charles Chamberland, Frederick Limiski, Charles Scarborough and Joseph Timmons, made a will leaving all of his property real and personal to his friend Milton Perry. He stated that his army discharge entitling him to land for three months service was in possession of Mr. Hoskins, an inn-keeper at Velasco, and that his brace of pistols and a Bowie knife were in possession of George Elliot of Velasco. He affixed his mark to his will.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

#### **Corrections:**

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Shelly's maiden name is Maybee She is descended from the line of Jan Pieterse Mabee and Anna Borsboom.

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