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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

This edition of the Communicator has to do with the authors that belong to the Maybee Society. Information is lost unless it is recorded. Once I would have said "written" - but technology has overtaken me. My book on my York ancestors has sold as many copies on CD as it has in the printed form

When you record the story of your family in words, pictures, sound recordings, or whatever comes next, you are preserving your heritage for your future generations. In our library and database our members and others, have saved information for the ages. Although we put all data received into the Maybee Society database, we do not put information about any living people on our RootsWeb site, nor give it out to the public without permission of the sender.

Save your past for the future.

PICTURES ON WEB:

Exciting new addition. We now have pictures from our files online at Kodakgallery.com. Sign in as

maybe3@verizon.net. Password "pictures".

MABIE, MAYBEE, ETC. AUTHORS:

Two things spurred our interest in Mabie, et al authors recently. First, Tommy Shaughnessy, Member # 260, has been researching the life of Hamilton Wright Mabie and second – author Firth Fabend has joined the Maybee Society.

It seems that members of our families have long been interested in the written word. We have many attorneys, teachers and writers.

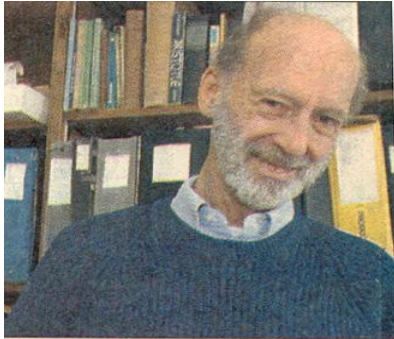
All of the Maybee Society Presidents have published books. George Maybee Martin published "***Yakima, a Centennial Reflection, 1885-1985***"

John A Maybee (Jack) has "***The Thomas Buffham family (an English heritage)***" and ***An index of the Jan Mabie family file***

John D. MayBee, our current president, published "***The Backhouse Yorks of Montana***"

Other Maybee Society Members who are also authors are;;

CARLETON MABEE:



Carleton Mabee

Carleton Mabee, Member #175 , a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, received his Ph. D. in History from Columbia University. He was Professor Emeritus of History of the State University of New York College at New Paltz, New York.

A little history of Carleton Mabee; in 1944 he won a Pulitzer Prize for Biography with his book, "**American Leonardo: A life of Samuel F. B. Morse**". Other books he has written are, "**The Seaway Story Black Freedom: The Nonviolent Abolitionists from 1830 Through the Civil War.**" which received an award from Anisfeild-Wolf human rights foundation in Cleveland and the Saturday Review, Black Education in New York State: "**From Colonial to Modern Times**" which won the John Ben Snow Prize from the Press for outstanding work among books it published that year.

Recently he has been recognized for "**Sojourner Truth: Slave, Prophet, Legend**". Carleton was aided by his

daughter, Susan Mabee Newhouse, a psychologist in Baltimore, Maryland. . Before Carleton Mabee soldiered through six years of basic researcher on

Sojourner Truth, authors copied the same overblown myths and mistakes from one book to the next, historians and reviewers say. ... "He's done a beautiful job," says Town of Esopus Historian Dorothy DuMond. "I think he is going to be the absolute reference for her. He spent so many years digging out the facts. He made her come alive to me."

His most recent work, "**Listen to the Whistle: An Anecdotal History of the Walkill Valley Railroad in Ulster and Orange Counties**".

FIRTH FABEND:



Firth Fabend

Firth Fabend our new Maybee Society Member #347, just finished her sixth novel. Many of her novels are of special interest to Maybee Society members because they tell the history of the Hudson Valley, New York and New Jersey areas.

This is from a recent review:

“MONTCLAIR, NJ--Feb 22— Combining her skills in plot construction and suspense with a well-honed insistence on historical veracity, Firth Haring Fabend's latest novel, **Land So Fair**”, is a hair-raising tale of colonial life in a geographical area familiar to many local readers, who should quickly recognize it as their fair land, too, and their history.”

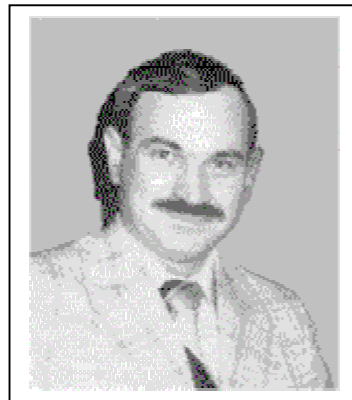
“**Land So Fair**”, Firth Haring Fabend's sixth novel, a family saga, opens in 1737 on a Hudson Valley farm, where the family's land, “sought, bought, cleared, planted, harvested, bequeathed, fought over, challenged, confiscated, and laced with blood and bones,” is threatened anew each generation. The family is the author's own family--she is the eleventh generation of it--and the three strong-minded women in this gripping story are her own grandmothers. Constant threats to their land, feared and fearful slave uprisings, and the inevitability of impending Revolution define the characters' daily lives, creating conflicts for them--and an exciting read for the booklover.

Firth Fabend's five previous novels were published between 1968 and 1985. A historian with the rare talent of creating spellbinding fiction while weaving in details of fact, she holds a Ph.D. in American Studies and has published two prize-winning works of history with Rutgers University Press on the Dutch colony of New Netherland. Readers of **Land So Fair** will not suspect they are being taught history, for Fabend is considered the “premier historian of Dutch American culture,” and her writing is highly recommended for its

“lucid, engaging style, solid research, and content.” Her book “**A Dutch Family in the Middle Colonies, 1660-1800**”, was awarded the Hendricks Prize of the New Netherland Project and the New York State Historical Association's Book Award. “**Zion on the Hudson: Dutch New York and New Jersey in the Age of Revivals**” received the Archives Award from the New Jersey History Advocates.

A Fellow of the New Netherland Project, she is sought after as a speaker on the history of New Netherland and the persistence of Dutch culture in New York and New Jersey into the nineteenth century. **Land So Fair** can be ordered through local bookstores or on line at www.amazon.com.

R. ROBERT MUTRIE



Robert Mutrie

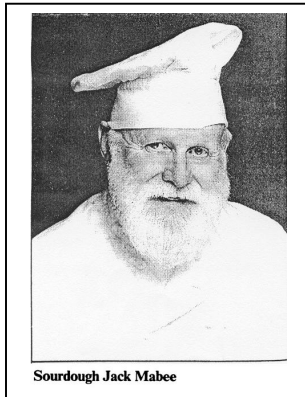
Robert Mutrie, Member #23, wrote “**6000 New York Ancestors** and **Long Point Settlers**”

Raised in Norfolk County, Bob has been a professional genealogist specializing in the history and genealogy of early Norfolk County for more than 30 years. He says that he named his publishing company - **Log Cabin Publishing** because “I had so

many ancestors who lived in them, and all of my books are set in that period. “

Between 1994-2000 Robert edited [Long Point Settlers Journal](#).

SOURDOUGH JACK MABEE



Sourdough Jack Mabee

“Sourdough” Jack Mabee, Member # 60, was an interesting person. Originally from Centralia, Washington, he first went North to Alaska with a construction firm in Fairbanks. Jack attended the University of Alaska (Fairbanks) as well as trying his hand at many things, including deckhand on one of the last stern-wheel riverboats, and camp-cook.

Jack had tasted his first sourdough while attending a breakfast at the St. Peter's By the Sea Church in Sitka, Alaska, but it was several years later when an old-timer gave Jack his own pot of starter and declared that he had been in Alaska long enough to be called a "Sourdough." Jack realized the significance of the starter and devised a way where sourdough could be dried and put into a package.

Printed in 1959, his “**Sourdough Jack's Cookery**” eventually sold 950,000 copies. He held sourdough

demonstrations in more than 170 department stores and appeared on more than 500 cooking and talk shows on TV. His professional trade name "Sourdough Jack" was pinned on him by Senator Dick Neuberger, a journalist from Portland Oregon.

LOTTIE MAYBEE FORBES



Lottie Maybee Forbes

Lottie Maybee Forbes, grandmother of Kathie Carpenter, Member # 236, wrote “**Days And Ways Of Old Damascus Oregon**” which tells of the first Maybee to come to the Northwest. Henry Maybee arrived with the Wilkes Expedition in 1841.

Kathy printed the second edition of the book around 1998 “in loving memory of her grandmother and her father, Forrest Dale Forbes, who was a journalist, poet, author and printer, missionary and minister.”

Other books by Mabies, et al: who were not Maybee Society members:

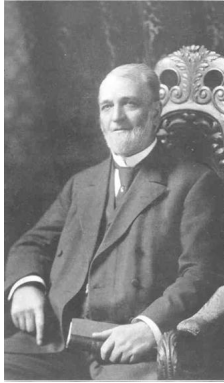
RENDELL N. MABEY

Rendell N. Mabey –wrote “**Brother to Brother**”, an account of his mission in Africa.

His father, Governor Charles Rendell Mabey of Utah, wrote a history of his father's family entitled "**Our Father's House**"., which was privately published in 1947..

He also wrote, "**The Utah Batteries, a History**";; an epic poem, "**The Pony Express**" and others. As an author he became one of the leaders of the Utah Writers League. He was the president of the society "Poets of the Pacific" for nine years from 1947 to 1956.

HENRY CLAY MABIE



Henry Clay Mabie

Henry Clay Mabie, D.D., LL (1847-1918), was born in Belvidere, Illinois.

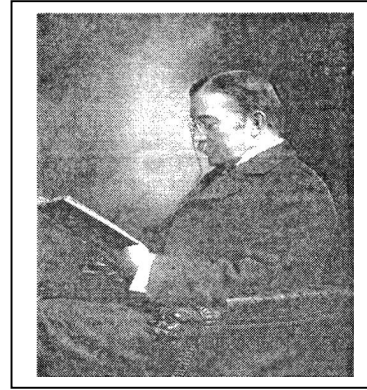
Henry was a pastor who wrote a series of religious books and told of his missionary experiences.



Catherine Mabie

Catherine Mabie, niece of Henry Clay was also a missionary , who wrote about her experiences in the book, "**Congo Cameos**".

HAMILTON WRIGHT MABIE



Hamilton Wright Mabie,

Hamilton Wright Mabie, A.M., L.H.D., LL.D. (1846-1916) is perhaps the first person we think of when we think of Mabie authors. Hamilton Wright Mabie (1845-1916) was the great-grandson of Peter Mabie (1731-1817), grandson of Lebbius (b. 1780) and son of Levi Jeremiah Mabie (1821-1883).

He was an editor and literary critic. He was the editor of the 12 volume "**Young Folk's Treasury**" published in 1909.

He was born at Cold Springs, New York,, educated at Williams College, and the Columbia Law School.

American culture is indebted to him for helping to spread, by his lectures as well as his writings, a love of good reading in the United States He received honorary degrees from his own alma mater, from Union College

and from Western Reserve and Washington and Lee Universities.

The books Mabie published on literary subjects, especially during the 1890's, offer a valuable index to the major concerns and the strategies of the much maligned Genteel Tradition, and provide an essential link between the idealism of Ralph Waldo Emerson's age and the harsher realism of William Dean Howells's. He was a well known figure during his life.

Edwin W. Morse, his biographer, says, "Through his contributions for nearly forty years to *The Christian Union* and *The Outlook*, through his books, and through his addresses ... on literary subjects, he was always a torchbearer on the difficult path leading to high ideals, attainable only through intellectual enrichment and spiritual enlightenment. His followers, who gained courage and inspiration from his words, were numbered by the thousands, and their debt to him was great. As a public spirited citizen, too, his activities outside his professional work were of high value to various communities. So it may truly be said of him that he left his mark upon time "

Tommy Shaughnessy, Member #260, has been working on clearing up details of Hamilton Wright's life. He received the following from Summit Historical Society.

Dear Mr. Shaughnessy,

We at the Summit Historical Society are delighted that you have gotten in touch and pleased that you enjoyed the article about your relative. We have quite a bit of information about

him, including two of his handwritten letters. They were difficult to decipher, but we succeeded. We do have his obits, but thank you anyway for offering to send them. On the other hand, if there is a family genealogy, we would be very interested in adding that to our files.

I live six doors from his house, and I actually completed a historical study on the house several years ago. Attached are the sections of my report about him. I especially enjoy Mark Twain's speech (or roast) of Hamilton Mabie, so I had to include it as well.\

I hope that you visit Summit someday, and if so, that you contact us in advance so that we can show you our files on Hamilton Mabie. Best regards,
Lynn Forsell
President
Summit Historical

This is from a 'roast' of Hamilton in 1901.

From "*Dinner to Hamilton W. Mabie*"

By: Mark Twain. Address delivered April 29, 1901 (From "*Mark Twain's Speeches*" – New York Harper and Brothers, 1910)

Samuel Clemens gave a speech about Hamilton W. Mabie on April 29 1901. He mentions that Hamilton is editor of the "*Outlook*" and jokes that the *Outlook* is outspoken in its departures from fact, that it is vigorous in its mistaken criticisms of men like him. A man is always better than his printed opinions and that all the things that are said about Mr. Mabie, although very

nobly worded and beautiful still fall short of the real Mabie.”

Shaughnessy also located Hamilton's grave.

Owners of plot are Hamilton Wright and his wife Jeannette Asked if plot had a stone was told no, it has a monument so I'm guess must be big also they told me that money ran out to take care of the plot

Location of plot is lot 1997 Sec 20

Buried there:

Lorraine Triver Mabie interred

9/26/1906 (daughter)

Hamilton Wright Mabie 1/1917

Jeannette Triver his wife 11/25/1936

Helen Rockwell 8/16/1952 (daughter)

Jean or Jeannette Judson Haley

10/31/1963

Henry Wilder Haley 8/16/1952

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ENGLISH MAYBEES

From Lynn Watson., Member #305.

“I have forwarded an article that I wrote three or four years ago on the Maybee's of Chichester and Portsea. I don't know if I ever sent it to you. In any case, I have updated it and attached it as well. Perhaps you can use it. I am hoping to get more Maybee's with British/Canadian background interested.

THE MAYBEES OF PORTSEA AND CHICHESTER ENGLAND.

The Maybee Society's American members are to be congratulated on their enthusiasm for searching and

reporting on their ancestors. In the hope that I may stimulate some interest and response, I would like to tell you about eight generations of Maybees born in the south of England and emigrating to Toronto Canada. The story begins with my great grandmother, **Emily Windscheffel Maybee Woodcock**, who gave our branch of the family the gift of a diary written in 1891.

In her diary, Emily describes her first meeting with **James Maybee**, whom she was to marry. Emily and her friend, Avise Bowbeer, attended the Congregationalist church in Chichester England, having just moved there from London to work in a milliner's shop. In 1858 she wrote in her diary, “

“We took sittings which were next to the front square pew and, of course, the family who occupied it naturally attracted our attention and we soon learned to know something of them. They seemed to be a large family and on holidays the number was considerably increased. .. I will try to name them as they took their places in the pew. They all wore mourning garb for the son of the elderly lady who wore a crepe bonnet and veil, and whose name was **Edward Maybee**. He had died in November, 1857 from inflammation of the bowels caused by wrongly treated diarrhoea. Mrs. Maybee took the corner farthest from the pew door, then Mrs. Small, next her daughter Caroline, Maria Cheesman, Louisa Cheesman, these with the fair tall **Kate Maybee**, were the regular attendants. At other times, Mr. Maybee, sons **Harry and James Maybee** and **Joseph Watson**, their friend and engaged to Carry

Small, and Martha (Pattie) Maybee made the pew quite full.. It was indeed a large family, living together at 15 North Pallant Street, in the south east quadrant of old Chichester, In the 1851 census, thirteen people are recorded as living in this row house, including all of the occupants of the church pew listed in the diary. Missing, besides Edward who is mentioned, was his sister, Elizabeth, who would have been 20 in 1858 and may have may have been deceased or may have been married or moved away to assist with another family. Caroline Small was a widowed sister in law who lived with the Maybees, along with her daughter Caroline. Maria Cheesman with her daughters, Louisa and Maria, were nieces. It was quite a household.”.

NEW MEMBERS:

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He obtained his UE designation for Christian Warner. His mother is a Sherman (and variations like Shearman, Schuerman) and the line takes in Chrysler, Warner, Rock and others.

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