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### The President's Corner

"After our children had grown, my wife and I used our vacations to visit the places where our ancestors had lived. In 1995, we visited Naarden on a trip through the Netherlands and Germany.



Naarden in North Holland is less than twenty miles from

Amsterdam in distance, but it is like going back in time. Naarden was rebuilt around 1400 as a medieval fortified city, with double walls, and is surrounded by a moat. It remained a fort until 1927. There is a Walloon Chapel dating from the 1600s, where many Protestants seeking asylum in the Netherlands worshiped. I wonder if Jan Pieterse van Naarden and his parents worshiped there. Unfortunately, the church does not have any records that predate World War II, nor does the town. Our history has been lost to multiple wars."

This edition of the Communicator is about Naarden, where the first Maybee ancestor, ~~Jan Pieterse~~ was born." 

#### A BRIEF HISTORY OF NAARDEN:

Maybee Society V.P., Steve Mabie, #257

#### **Pieter Casparszen van Naerden**

The original immigrant of our family was Pieter Casparszen van Naerden, whose presence in New Amsterdam is first documented in February 1647. What do we know about him prior to this date? Only two things both derived from his name. First, from his patronymic "Casparszen", we know that his father's name was Caspar; and from his toponymic "van Naerden", we know that he was "born in a place called Naerden (or Naarden as spelled today.)

Naarden has an interesting history which can be found on the web site of the Netherlands Fortress Museum or Vestingmuseum:

[http://www.vestingmuseum.nl/eng/noten\\_dop.htm](http://www.vestingmuseum.nl/eng/noten_dop.htm)

### **Naarden In A Nutshell**

"The earliest mentioning of Naarden dates from 800-900 AD, "Naruthi" a small village near Lake Flevo. In 1350 Naarden was completely destroyed during an internal Dutch power struggle. It was rebuilt a few kilometers further inland with high stone walls and a single moat.

During the Dutch Revolt (where the Dutch sought independence from Spain) Naarden was captured by Spanish troops. On December 1st 1572 all Naarden citizens were murdered by the Spanish, to serve as an example for other cities wanting to join the rebels. In 1577 the Spanish disappeared and Naarden went over to the Prince of Orange. The Spaniards had brought down the Naarden walls, so something had to be done to make the town defensible again. Naarden had a strategic position on the road to the wealthy city of Amsterdam and the rich province of Holland. So it had to be well defended.

The Prince of Orange ordered "Master of Fortifications" Adriaen Anthonisz to build Naarden earthen walls with bastions, making it a modern defensible town. The process of building these defenses took decades."

### **But Where Was Caspar From?**

Obviously, Pieter's father Caspar was not descended from a long line of Naardenites, since they were all killed in 1572. So, the questions for Mabie Family researchers is where did Caspar come from and why was he in Naarden when Pieter was born? The possible link to the French Mabilie Family, first

theorized in the 1890s by a paid researcher named Edward C. Marshall, has never been proved; indeed, it has been adequately refuted by R. Robert Mutrie as documented in his book "**6,000 New York Ancestors.**"

One clue is the existence of a place called the Mabie Forest located in Kirkcudbrightshire in the South West of Scotland, a few miles south of Dumfries. This name apparently goes back to the Twelfth Century, over 400 years prior to Pieter's birth.

But what is the possible link between Scotland and a small town in the Netherlands?

### **The Role of the Scots in the Netherlands**

(from "**De Huwelijksintekeningen Van Schotse Militairen In Nederland 1574-1665**" by Dr. Ir. J. Mac Lean)

"The war of independence of the Netherlands against Spain began in 1568. One of the first successes was the capture of Den Briel on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1572 by the so-called Sea Gueux. Soon after this event, Scottish soldiers came to the Low Countries. Already on September 16<sup>th</sup> 1572 the Regent of Scotland, Mar, granted a passport to Captain Henry Balfour, Commander of about 200 Scotsmen, to serve under the Prince of Orange. In January 1573 Henry Balfour was present at the siege of Haarlem. From 1572 to 1782 there were always Scottish regiments in the Netherlands; in the period from 1629 to 1655 there were three."

## VISITING NAARDEN:



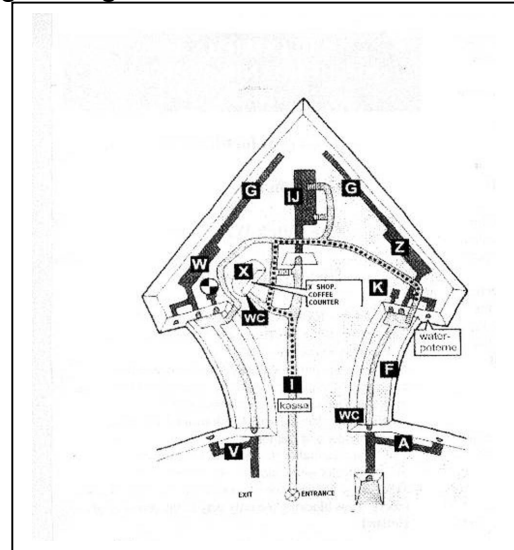
**Aerial view of Naarden**

Maybe Society members and other Mabies have had an interest in Naarden from the beginning. John and Kathy MayBee, (Members #8), Steve Mabie and family (Members # 257) and recently Kim and Gary Mabee (Members #78) have journeyed to Naarden to absorb the history and see the places where our ancestors lived. Marg Smith is a Mabie descendant who lives in Australia and went to Holland last fall.

Kim wrote to Steve Mabie, , "Steve--- many thanks for your suggestion to go to Naarden--- where the Mabees transported through a generation or two, before coming to America. !! it was just a 10 minute ride from Amsterdam on the train-- what a fun experience--- Gary, Susan and I did it one day of our 3 days in Amsterdam. ---This is the first of some attachments on the "Vesting"-- which I guess means defensive housing in Dutch-- it is now an earthen and brick fort --rebuilt many times over the last 7 centuries. - It is now an ongoing

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museum--with about 25,000 per year, going through



**Diagram of Fortress Museum**

The tour started in the casemate. (1675 – 1685) A casemate is a bomb-free brick construction covered by earth. Their casemate has two gun emplacements, of which No. 12 has a 12 pounder on a sea or truck carriage. With the guns in the casemates, it was possible to defend the main moat.

The tour then went on to the right Curved Lower Flank, where guns covered the moat and then to the powder room, where gunpowder was stored in oaken barrels. Next was Casemate Z where boats protected by gunfire would ferry stores, men and ammunition.

Next – the listening corridor. This 61 meter long corridor runs parallel to the moat. Through openings in the ceiling, on the outside covered by cast iron covers, it was possible for sentries to hear if the enemy was trying to cross the moat.

Mortar Casemate 13 – The first room housed four petty officers, the next room

was the officers' quarters and office. Through the narrow corridor the projectile room with the elevator installation to hoist the cartridges to the top room, the room where the cartridges and the fuses were made, past the niche for oil lamps. In the top room, the gunners could shelter from enemy fire.

Then the tour goes to the "envelop", the outside wall, as the soldiers walking along this path were out of sight from the enemy.



***One view of the Vesting***



***Vesting Museum Bastion– Tunnel Tour***

I just showed the ladies in the coffee/gift shop an article from the newsletter about Mabees, when we first got there-- easier than trying to explain-- they

appreciated it-- between 2 of them we all communicated--- their English was not as good as the folks we encountered in Amsterdam--- which of course is better than our nonexistent Dutch-- several times one of our tour guides said Mabee is NOT Dutch. Borsboom or Bosboom means, forest, wood--- his (the guide's) name was Theo van de Bosch --- forest also-- could be related 10 generations back!! Then Buren, of Van Buren Lane, or president, means good neighbor or neighbors plural--etc

The ladies at the museum were very excited to talk to us-- they dragged out all this paperwork to give us copies of, and one even took us right over to see the Scots soldier repro in one of the bunkers-- gave us shivers to walk on the ground our ancestors did hundreds of years ago."

"The Scots soldier looks to me about the time of 1800 also - not 1500s "



***Scott and Kim Mabee by Scots soldi***

Marg Smith says, "While we were in the museum one of the outside cannons



actually fired. You can book it for birthdays, etc.!"

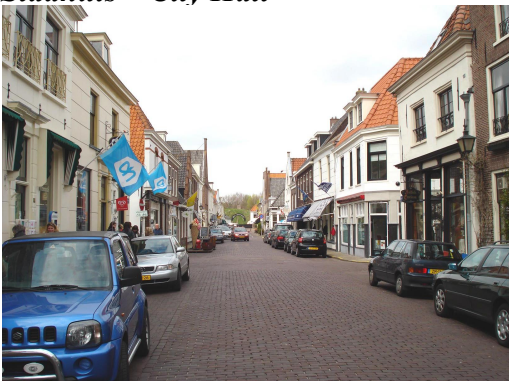


***Kim and Susan by cannon***

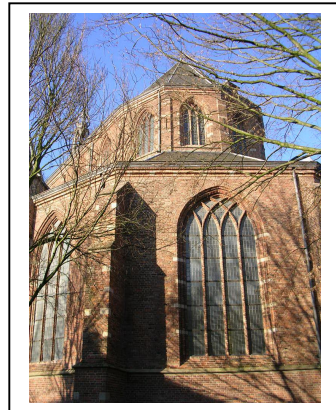
"Here are pictures of the town, Bussum and Naarden are kind of together--- was confused on which was where- think the ladies did mention the "Spanish" house though - older



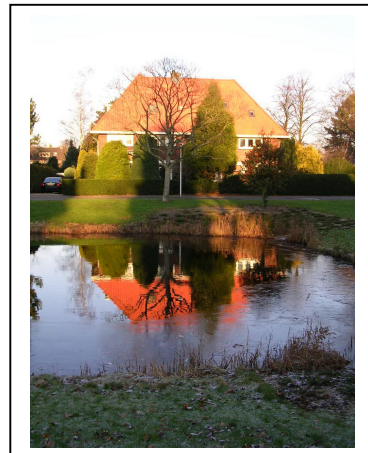
***Stadhuis – City Hall***



Steve Mabie sent photos that Marg Smith took in Naarden. Marg is a Mabie descendant who lives in Australia. He says, "She went to Holland last fall and sent me these photos in January. She gave me permission to share them through the Communicator." Below is the Grote Kerk – St. Vitus.



***Picture below is New Naarden***





### ***Utrechtse Poort***

These pictures, and others that did we did not use in the Communicator are at Kodakgallery.com (You really need to see them in color, especially the picture above.)

Sign in as [maybee3@verizon.net](mailto:maybee3@verizon.net)  
Password is pictures. There are also Pictures of Jan's Descendants, Caspar's descendants and English Mabeys.

### **SEARCHING FOR LOCATION IN NAARDEN:**

In 2002, Bernd Koepsell wrote, " I found your sites through a Mabee contact at RootsWeb.

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I need to find out if you know of the address of Seigneur Pierre Mabile de Nevi in Naarden (b. Neuvy, Anjou, France; d. Noorden (Naarden), Holland; Fought under Coligny with the Huguenot army, and during the Great Massacre of the Protestants on St. Bartholomew's Day, 24 AUG, 1572, escaped to Holland where he lived and died at Noorden (Naarden)

My brother is traveling to the Netherlands in the next week and would like to get a picture of his

house or property, if it is still standing."

I did some research and sent him this email:

Dear Bernard,

In Newsletter #40, I find this description of the location of the family, which is the most complete one I could find.

### **"NORDEN**

In the Rensselaer-Bowier papers we find another reference to a Norden in Holland. There are several Nordens to be found, but the exact origin of the home of Aechte Jans Williamszen van Norden, wife of Pieter Casparszen van Naarden Mabile has never been proved conclusively. I thought I would include the location of this Norden for further food for thought.

Obert (Egbert) van Rensselaer lived in the middle of the 14th century in the Province of Gelderland, the Netherlands. The estate is still called Rensselaer, and the manor house, "the Crailo" is about three miles southeast of Nijkerk. Other nearby towns are Barneveld and Putten. Obert's son, Wolter van Rensselaer, married Nelle van Norden who lived at "Kleyn Norden," an estate near Putten. Wolter van Rensselaer was away from his district for a long time. Upon his return, he found someone else had established himself on the property, whereupon he brought suit to recover his holdings. An entry in the Burgerbook of Harderwijk reads, "Wolter van Rensselaer (of Garderen near Nijkerk) and Nelle van Norden,

his wife." ... 'Another record in the Civil Cases of the Court of Gelderland, which may be of interest. It is of Melis van Norden, tenant of the farm-estate, in the district of Putten, who married Elizabeth. ... These early members of the van Rensselaer family were progenitors of the early settlers along the Hudson River who established Rensselaerwyck Colonie."

### WILBERT ARTHUR WALT

Peter Johnson, Member #11 sends this obituary:

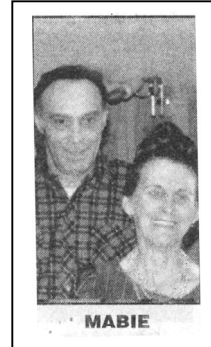
Here's an obit for a future newsletter. It refers to my Father-in-law who was a wonderful man.

“ Passed away March 19, 2008 in Trenton ON. Born in Murray Township on March 5, 1922 he was the son of Philip Wesley WALT and Olive F. ALYEA. He spent all his life in the area. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Maxine (LUSK), sons David (Moya), Bob (Linda), Gary (Lynn), Carl, daughter Angela (Peter) JOHNSON, as well as one brother, two sisters, 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, and 4 grandchildren. Interment took place at Stockdale Cemetery north of Trenton, where so many MAYBEEES are buried.

Wilbert was a descendant of Capt. Abraham MAYBEE U.E. 1748-1832 through his son Peter MAYBEE 1775-c1830 and granddaughter Sarah (MAYBEE) GUNTER c1816-1852. Wilbert's daughter Angela and son-in-law Peter JOHNSON are

members of the MAYBEE Society and both MAYBEE descendants.

### MARY LOU AND WILLIAM S. MABIE



Mary Lou Mabie passed away on April 10, 2008 in San Antonio, Texas. She was born on December 21, 1932 in Schenectady, New York to Lloyd Jeffers and Ruth Knightes Jeffers. She was former President of the Shearer Hills Home Owner's Association, and was very involved with her community. Mary Lou was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, and will be dearly missed. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 56 years, William S. Mabie; her parents and three sisters. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara A. Brown and husband, Howard; son, James R. Mabie and wife, Nancy; and grandchildren Jason and Justin Brown, Antonio Braden and Benjamin Mabie. Graveside Services will be held on Tuesday April 15, 2008 at 11:15 a.m. at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

William S. Mabie passed away on February 17, 2008 in San Antonio, Texas. He was born on November 30, 1931 in Scheneuvs, New York to Arba Earl Mabie and Flora Ellen Kniffen Mabie. He served his country honorably, dedicating 25

years of service in the U. S. Air Force, retiring as a MSGT. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather, who is dearly missed. William was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and five brothers. He is survived by his daughter and her husband; son and his wife, sister, Clara McCardle; brother DeForest James Mabie; and five grandchildren. William was laid to rest on February 22, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery with full Air Force Honors.”

**PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGY:**

Tim Gruber writes,

“Hi John, Here is the link to the website about the grassroots effort to get older Pennsylvania state death certificates available online like they have started to do in other states: <http://users.rcn.com/timarg/PaHR-Access.htm> . If you would pass this information onto anyone you know who is into Pennsylvania genealogy and history, . I'm sure you can appreciate just how helpful such a database would be in doing research. Thanks for your help.

**MORE MAYBEE AUTHORS:**

We received this letter from George W. Maybee., Member #116, letting us know that there were authors we forgot in the last newsletter. (How could I have forgotten Tyrone Tillson?)

We will have his letter in the November Communicator. If anyone knows of more Mabie, et al authors that we missed, please send the information to me, Barbara Carter by

email: [maybe3@verizon.net](mailto:maybe3@verizon.net) or at 10020 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SE, Apt. 218, Everett, WA 98208.

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