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The President's Corner

Research – Research – Research!!

In this issue you will find some new information that our members have researched. It is this member activity that helps us know about our extended family.

Steve Mabie and I have worked on all the different Mabie lines and their associated families. At present, Steve is working on the 18th and early 19th century City Directories for New York City, using addresses and occupation to help tie families together. He has a long-term project of organizing the pre-revolutionary Westchester County Mabie families.

I have just finished finding obituaries on our line to mine for information. Obituaries have a lot of genealogical information in them. Right now I am working on connected families (descendents and ancestors who are not Maybees.

If you have done or are doing research on your families, would you please send me (John MayBee – see address on

page 8) copies (with sources) for our database. 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.

THE CASE FOR JOHN MABEE AS FATHER OF EDEN MABEE

Will Mabee, Member #195

(Note: the first set of numbers (in parenthesis) refers to those on Steve Mabie's website; the second ID numbers are from the Maybee Society database.)

The Case for John Mabee (5-9-5) **ID406** as the Father of Eden Mabee **ID10122**

In the March 2003 issue of the Maybee Society newsletter, Steve Mabie, #257 discussed the lineage of Eden Mabee of Vernon Township, Sussex County, New Jersey. As a great-great-great grandson of Eden, this information was extremely important to me.

The second marriage record of Eden to a Lucinda (nee Douglas) Woodruff

ID16182 on August 14, 1856 cited his parents as John and Abigail Mabee. At that time there was no indication which John Mabee that might be. There are several John Mabees in that time period most of whom are documented on Steve's website

The earliest known record of Eden was his marriage to Mary (nee Oakley) Utter **ID10123** in Bergen County, NJ on July 22, 1815. Both were listed as from Pompton Township. It is interesting to note that Pompton is now West Milford Township, Passaic County which abuts Vernon Township, Sussex County.

Subsequently, I found a deed from Bergen County in Book P3 page 401 which was signed in 1814 but not filed until 1835 that lists Eden as a witness to a deed of sale from John Jackson to Benjamin Carey. As a side note, a great granddaughter of Benjamin Carey, Mary Hannah Berry (1859-1889) **ID10127**, married Robert Eden Mabee (1850-1931) **ID10126**, a grandson to Eden.

There was a John Mabee (5-1-2-4) **ID3361** who lived in Bergen County about this time but he married Leah Rutan **ID3360** and documentation on his sons did not list Eden. At my request, Steve Mabee suggested a J. Mayby on the tax rolls of Bedminster Township, Somerset County, NJ in 1785 as a possible father to Eden. Steve thought he might be a son to Johannis Mabee (5-10-10) **ID452**. My research at the New Jersey State Archives, Somerset County Historical Society and Somerset County Library did not produce a single reference to this J. Mayby.

Upon further request, Steve proposed John Mabee (5-9-5) **ID406** as a candidate for the father of Eden. This John Mabee was the son of Abraham (5-9) and Sylvia Coquillet **IDs 404&411** born July 5, 1740 in Westchester County, New York. Abraham and family moved to Frederickstown, Dutchess County, NY that later became part of Putnam County, NY. Abraham sold land to John per a Dutchess County deed dated April 10, 1784. According to Steve Mabee, John (5-9-5) **ID406** and his nephew Daniel (5-9-2-1) **ID441** moved to Delhi, Delaware County, NY in 1797. My research in Delaware County produced only two references to a John "Maybie" who is likely the one from a neighboring town and does not appear on Steve's website.

John Mabee (5-9-5) **ID406** can be found on the 1800 and 1810 census in Delhi, Delaware County, NY but is absent from the 1820 census and presumed to have died by that time.

Additional research was done in Dutchess and Putnam Counties but again without any direct links between Eden and John (5-9-5). However, I have come across some interesting coincidences about John that tend to make me think he might be the father of Eden. Besides the obvious, like a John being named as Eden's father on the marriage record and Eden's first son named John, I can offer the following information for consideration:

1. For the 1790, 1800, and 1810 census there is at least one male in the right age category, for Eden born in 1786, living with John (5-9-5). **ID406**

2. The wife of John (5-9-5) **ID406** is still unknown and no other John Mabees of record has a wife named Abigail.

3. Based upon the census, John apparently died between 1810 and 1820. An Abigail Mabe married Daniel Wright June 28, 1815 in Sussex County, NJ with both being from Vernon Township. If this Abigail is the widow of John, her remarriage would fit the time frame for John's death between 1810 – 1820.

4. At the time of Abigail's marriage to Daniel, Eden was living in Pompton Township, Bergen County which abutted Vernon Township. In 1821, Eden moved to Vernon and would have been even closer to Abigail.

5. Hannah Mabee Gunderman, a daughter of Eden, moved to Danby, Tompkins County, NY with her husband and they are on the 1860 and 1870 census there. According to Steve Mabie, a son of John (5-9-5) also settled in Danby.

6. Collins B. Mabee, a son of Eden, named one of his sons Seely Tompkins Mabee who was born August 9, 1862. His middle name might be from Tompkins County as there is no apparent connection to a Tompkins family.

7. Per Steve Mabie, Stephen Mabee a son of John named his eldest daughter Abigail

As previously stated there is no direct link between Eden and John Mabee (5-9-5) but the preceding information seems to suggest that. At this point, I would like to thank Steve Mabie for his kind assistance in my search for the

parents of Eden Mabee. If anyone has information that would aid further research please send an email to wilfredmabee@yahoo.com.

ALAN AND CHER MAYBEE OPEN BED AND BREAKFAST

From the Scottsbluff newspaper.

“FAMILIAR FACES AT BARN”



Couple Returns Home After 32 years to buy Barn Anew

By Roger Holsinger, Assistant Editor.

“Three decades after they met in Scottsbluff, Allan and Cher Maybee have returned to the area after purchasing the Barn Anew Bed and Breakfast from Dick and Jane Snell in May.

Since then, they have changed the themes of the rooms to fit their love of Old West trails. The two said that guests should be prepared to be greeted by Mollie, their Australian shepherd, who also retrieves the daily newspaper and is always up for a game of fetch. The couple said ending up in Scotts Bluff County was not intentional, “but we just fell in love with this place”, Cher said.

We always talked about wanting to live in a barn and then we stayed here, found it was for sale. It just all worked out.”

Cher said what they like most about their new business is that it “feels like home” and that it’s nice to see familiar people, some of whom they taught in school.

“We want to host and support the local art guild by featuring local artists. We’d like to have guest speakers, some that would focus on the trails and just be part of the community because there is a lot of potential here and people really love this place,” Cher said.

Cher (Hummel) Maybee was raised in Scottsbluff and graduated from SHS in 1968. Her mother, Mid Hummel, lives in Northfield Villa in Gering.

Cher attended and graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in English. She returned to Scottsbluff to teach at Bluffs Middle School as part of a Title IX program called Student Environmental Education Development (SEED) that was designed to assist the education of minority and at-risk students.

To say that Allan’s childhood was an adventure would be an understatement. One of 12 children, Allan was removed from his home by the State and placed in the Tabitha Orphanage when he was about 8 years old.

“I remember sitting in my window looking west over Lincoln watching the sun setting and thinking, “Man, that’s where I gotta go.”

Allan said he was placed in a number of foster homes that didn’t fit him and by the time he was a junior in high school, he was living on the streets of Lincoln, sleeping in parked cars and working as a cook, waiter and busboy to survive.

Even through some very rough times, he said he always knew that some day he’d explore the trails that led to the westward expansion.

He graduated from high school and did his undergraduate work at Nebraska Wesleyan University and then attended the University of Nebraska, where he earned two master degrees. Allan also started and coached the University of Nebraska rowing team. After getting the program started, he left to start his career, but was asked to return.

“They said the rowing team was in trouble,” he said. He returned and got the program on an even keel and then moved to Scottsbluff.

Allan began working at the school as a counselor. The two met and began a number of adventures that included riding the Oregon Trail on horseback with four others and their dog in 1975. They said the adventure was a way of pre-celebrating the nation’s bicentennial in 1976.

Cher’s journal entries of the trek and what they encountered were published in the Star Herald along with sketches from Allan. In 1977, the couple married and rode the Santa Fe Trail, one of the many trails the couple would retrace on horseback. Because of their love for the old trails, the couple has made some changes in the Bed and Breakfast. The

four guest bedrooms are now named: the Oregon Trail, California Trail, Fur Trapper and Pony Express rooms and the large gathering area is called the Rendezvous Room.

In addition to offering lodging, the couple said they plan to continue to host weddings and small gatherings. They said they would like to expand the business by offering an area for small receptions – for 30 or fewer guests – for politicians, anniversaries and bridal receptions.

Another addition to the business is the opportunity to spend a night in more of what Allan refers to as the “first RV”.

For a number of years, Allan has rebuilt and refurbished sheep wagons or “sheep camps” for others. Now with wagon 15, Allan said they would keep it, park it, and offer guests the opportunity of a “truly unique experience.” The wagon comes with a stove, cupboard, bench and beds.

The two said that part of the reason they followed the Oregon Trail was, like the pioneers, they were looking for a place to call home and start a family.

“It didn’t take towns along the route long to hear what we were doing”, he said, adding that it appeared towns began competing to attract the couple to their community.

Allan said one of the requirements they had was that they wanted to live near a Reservation; the city had to have a college and the community had to have a high energy level. After all the communities they saw, they chose

Riverton, Wyoming and stayed there and taught for 32 years.

“We decided it was time for a career change; to join the adult world,” said Allan about their decision to move back to Scottsbluff.

The couple has three grown sons; Chuck, Matt and Marc.

To find out more about the Maybees’ business, log onto their website at www.barnanew.com or call (308) 632-8647.”

Allan adds that they “will give any member of the Maybee a sizeable discount if they come to see us.”

A LOST SOLDIER OF THE CIVIL WAR:

Submitted by Jeanine M. Kowalski, Member # 317.

In December, Jeanine wrote, “ This is as close as I can come to the final burying place of Mr. (Erastus) Holmes. A nice young man who is majoring in history at the College in Savannah was at the Visitor’s Center. He was interested in my research, so I have sent him the information. His professor may be able to find more information.” Jeanine.

Thanks to Ken Mabie, member # 158 for his research on Mr. Holmes.

Erastus Hamilton Holmes was born 21 November 1823, probably in Westerlo, Albany Co., N.Y. the son of John Silkman Holmes and Alma Robbins. He married **Sarah Abigail Maybee** about 1852. They had 5 children.

Mr. Holmes enlisted with Co. K. 7th New York Heavy Artillery at Westerlo, New York. on the 5th or 6th of August 1862 and was promoted to Corporal. He was wounded in the hand at the "Battle of Petersburg" and captured 16 June 1864 and sent to Andersonville Prison in Georgia.

Records show that the prisoners were taken to Savannah, Georgia in late September due to Sherman's march on Atlanta.

He was baptized on 3 October 1864 in Savannah by Rev. H. Clavreul, a Catholic priest. He died 9 October 1864 in Savannah. While at Andersonville a friend, Lorenzo Lewis, later stated that Mr. Holmes had dropsy and scurvy. He probably also had malnutrition which was prevalent in the prison.

The book "***Civil War Prisons: A study in War Psychology***" by William Hesseltine written about 1890, states that only two Union soldiers died while being held at Savannah and they were buried on the Old Marine Hospital grounds.

I have contacted the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, NARA, and the Beaufort National Cemetery in Beaufort, S.C. and find that none of these have any records relating to the unknown H soldier buried in grave 7887 in Section 58. Mr. Holme's military records are incorrect. Soldiers who died at Blackshear were re-interred at Beaufort. I believe that the unknown H soldier is that of Erastus Hamilton Holmes.

The Marine Hospital was torn down sometime after 1906 and another building erected on the grounds. A

Historian was not aware of any bodies being buried on the grounds and stated that there were almost 1,000 British soldiers buried under the old tobacco building that now is the Visitor's Center.

OBITS FOR GLADYS & HAROLD MAYEE:

Jeanine wrote, "Saw Gladys's obit, so I went to Niagara Falls and got her husband's."

GLADYS MARIE MAYBEE

"Gladys Maybee, 91, passed away June 20, 2008 at Leahi Hospital, Honolulu, Hawaii, following a brief illness.

Mrs. Maybee lived in Niagara Falls most of her life. She was the daughter of John and Alice (Barber) Caughell. She was preceded in death by her sister, Minnie Bauer and brothers, John, Ferald and Charles Caughell. Mrs. Maybee was the widow of the late Harold (Ted) Maybee who had a long career as a staff engineer at Moore Business Forms.

Mrs. Maybee relocated to Hawaii in 1990, where she enjoyed year-round summers, daily walks, new friends and the company of family.

She is survived by daughters, Gail Mac Evitt and Kyle Minter, Oahu residents; granddaughter Deana Johnson and grandchildren, Skylar and Teddy, Apple Valley Minnesota; grandson Bryan Minter and great-grandson, Bryson Minter, Louisville, Kentucky; several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Moanalua Mortuary, Honolulu.

HAROLD T. MAYBEE

“Niagara Falls Gazette Dec. 20, 1989”

“Manager at Moore Business Forms

Harold Ted Maybee, 75, of Weston Avenue, died Tuesday (Dec. 18, 1989) in Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center.

He was a lifelong resident of Niagara Falls (New York).

Maybee worked for Moore Business Forms in engineering management for 43 years, retiring in 1979.

Maybee is survived by his wife, Gladys M. (Caughell) Maybee; daughters Kyle Minter of North Tonawanda and Gail St. Onge of Wisconsin; brothers Orrin S. Maybee of Springfield, Mo., and Reg. W. Maybee of Mountain Center, California; and two grandchildren and several nieces and nephew.

He was the brother of the late Betty Howard. There will be no prior visitation. Memorial Services will be held at 1 p.m., Dec. 30, (1989) at the Spallino Funeral Home, 1300 Pine Ave. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery. Contributions to the Lung Association will be acceptable as tribute.”

HOW I BECAME INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY

Tommy Shaughnessy member # 260

“I always knew my mom was raised in an orphanage but she knew her family, as her parents both visited her along with other family members. Not knowing too much else, just where they

were all buried. Well I went to the cemetery and GOT HOOKED. I went to the New York City Health Department and found my grandmother’s birth and death certificates.

I found out that my great grandmother was a Mabie and my great grandfather was a Gold Pen Maker. Not knowing anymore then that I went to my mom’s best friend’s house. I showed her husband the birth and death certificates that I found and he looked at them (mom and her friend at this point having been friends over 20 years).

Her husband, Steve, said, “Tommy, you and your mom are related to Marie going way back and showed me her family tree. I called a Mabie I found in the white pages. They were Gloria and Barry Mabie, from there they put me in touch with cousin Belva and I called her.

I still remember the first thing that she said to me, “ANOTHER LONG LOST COUSIN.” I was in touch with Belva and getting more birth and death certificates and when I received them from the Latter Day Saints I went to call Belva and her son, Byron Perry told me that she had passed away. I was in shock and very sad as I know Belva was so waiting to find out what they said. I have found my great-great grandmothers grave, but as of yet I have not found her husband Peter's grave (the Auctioneer).

One day Steve Mabie emailed me that he had found on EBay a Temperance Card signed by my Great Grandmother in 1878 (Ida Maybee) I bid on it and got it. It is the only thing I have of her. My mom didn't talk to her two uncles so I

have no pictures of any other Mabie family members.

When my mom found out that she was having my sister and me, she called a cousin and asked her if there were any twins in the family. Her cousin, not related to the Mabies, said, "Let me call your uncle and find out". Well, she called mom back and said, "Yes your uncle said that his mother was one of four and that your Great Grandmother also had two other sets of twins. I came to find this to be true as I have seen it on the 1870 (census). That is the long and short of how I became interested in the GENEALOGY BUG".

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CHARTER MEMBERS OF MAYBEE SOCIETY:

When the Maybee Society was launched in 1988, these were the charter members:

- George Maybee Martin, # 1 (Died in 1994)
- Belva Perry, #2 (Died in 1999)
- Barbara Carter, #3
- Kurt Menning, #4
- Esther Ness, #5 (Deceased)
- Mrs. Ronald McDowell, #6
- Mr & Mrs Paul Turneure, #7 he died 1997; she died 2005
- John MayBee, #8
- Irene Maybee Dull, #9 died in 2008 (see May 2008 NL)
- Arlene Alexander, #10
- Peter & Angela Johnson, #11
- Richard O. Mabie, #12
- Marian G.McDonald, #13 – deceased 1999
- Lindy Peckham, #14 last heard from in 1996
- Ernest Maby, #15 (died 2004)
- Ted Starr, #16 – died 1988
- Irene L. Shrope, #17 – died 1996
- Roderick Mcleod Maybee, #18
- James O. Schuyler, #19
- Mrs. Eloise C. Mabee, #20, died 1997
- Cora Van Cruyningen, #21, died 1993
- Clayton Chee, #22 inactive since 2000
- R. Robert Mutrie, #23
- Edward M. Mabey, #24 – died in 1991
- Jean Mabey Barker, #25 – died in 1993
- Kevin E. Alexander, #26

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- Maurice Strobeck, Jr., #27 died 1989
- William L. Maybee, #28 (Deceased - 2003)
- Mrs. M.E.A. Strawbridge, #29
- Frances Thomas, #30
- Mrs. Marilyn Ford Anderson #31
- Professor Hamilton H. Mabie, #32, he died in 2000, Margaret last heard from in 2002
- Mrs Edward Turk, #33
- Mrs. E.W. Lintner, #34
- Mr. Will Henderson, #35 – never active?
- Guy & Jean Mabie, #36 Guy died 1995;
- Frances L. Harris, #37 – died in 2005

If you are one of the original members or a descendant of one of them, we would like to hear about your or their first experiences in the Maybee Society.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

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Descended from George Mabey, who left England in the late 1700s and settled in Prince Edward Island, Canada.

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