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REPORT FROM STEVE MABIE:

We have recently had something of a breakthrough in early Mabie research. Thanks largely to Ethel K. Kolenut who first found it, we now have identified the marriage record of Metje Pieterse Mabie, the fourth child and third daughter of Pieter Casparszen van Naerden and Aechtje Jans.

It has long been known that Metje was baptized on April 14, 1658 in New Amsterdam. It has also been known that she married Jan Pieterszen Pero (one of very many variations) and that they had their first child baptized in New Amsterdam on September 3, 1681.

It was Ethel who first brought the following record to our attention (as transcribed by Samuel S. Purple): Banns on November 17, 1680, Marriage on December 8, 1680, Jan Pieterszen, j.m. Van Rochel in Vranckryck, en Metje Weely, j.d., Van N. Yorke, beyde woonende tot N. Yorke.

One look at this record and you can see why it has taken so long to identify it as the marriage record of Metje Mabie. Roughly translated, it reads: Jan

Pieterszen, a young man from Rochelle in France and Metje Weely, young daughter, from New York, both living in New York. The key is realizing that the letter "M" has been mistranscribed as a "W" and that the letter "b" has been mistranscribed as an "l", so that Meeby became Weely in the published version.

While finally finding Metje's marriage record is nice, it is not, in and of itself, a breakthrough. The breakthrough is that this now is the earliest record of anyone in the family of Pieter Casparszen and Aechtje Jans using a variation of the Mabie surname. The next earliest is a court record from Schenectady in which the defendant was Jan Mebe in 1684. And the next is the marriage record of Caspar "Neby" in 1687.

So now we know that the children of Pieter and Aechtje were using the Mabie surname as early as November 1680.

On a somewhat related note, Marg Smith, an Australian Mabie descendant (from Jeremiah Mabie of Westchester Co., NY) has been doing some fascinating research of early Dutch records that will be the subject of a future Communicator.

One last teaser for everyone to think about: what in the world was Pieter Casparszen van Naerden doing in New Amsterdam in February 1647, besides being a witness at a baptism? Think about it. This was some 7 years before Adrian Van Der Donck wrote his groundbreaking "A Description of New Netherland", which is credited with changing New Amsterdam from a West India Company (WIC) trading post into a true Dutch colony of settlers. We know that Pieter was not one of the craftsmen or farmers brought to the new world by the Patroon to settle Rensselaerwyck. The Patroon kept good records of them. Was he a sailor, like Abraham Willemszen, Aechtje Jans' first husband? A soldier, serving the WIC? An adventurer? Give it some thought and let us know what you think.

ESTELLE GIBBS OBITUARY



Estelle Gibbs

Shirley Slater, Member #286 sent this obituary. She says, "My dear Aunt Estelle Gibbs passed away on May 31st, 2009, at the age of 99 years in Phoenix, Arizona. She leaves a son, James, five children and eight great-grandchildren, four nieces and one nephew. Her husband, Willard, and son Jack preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Morningside Presbyterian Church. Services were held at Chapel of the Chimes Mortuary June 4th. Interment followed at Greenwood Memory Lawn in Phoenix.

She was born Estelle Elizabeth on June 27th, 1909 in Parker's Landing, Pennsylvania to James Maybee Whyte and Ella Estelle Cratty Whyte. She had two brothers, James and Bill and one sister, Emma. Three half sisters, Carrie, Ethel and Garnet and one half-brother, George.

Estelle's paternal grandmother was Elizabeth (Eliza) Maybee. She was born in 1842 to James and Polly Maybee in a small community, Little Valley, New York. She had five brothers, James, Irvine, Enos, Jeremiah and Abraham.

Eliza's paternal grandfather was Jeremiah, born in 1779 in Gallatin, New York to Hendricks and Catherina Maybe (note the spelling change.) Jeremiah had two brothers, Adam and Jacob.

In my search at Little Valley with the help of a historian, I found my great-great-grandfather Jeremiah's grave, his second wife's and his daughter's.

My aunt was pleased to learn a little more of her family's past. She lived her life to the fullest and nearly to the end she was taking care of herself. She was quite a lady and will be missed by all.

If anyone knows a little of these Maybees, I would love to hear from you."
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RE-ENACTMENT AT MABEE FARM:

Note: the Mabee Farm and the Schenectady Historical Society both have links on Facebook. Great pictures, stories and updates!



The English

On June 6th and 7th there was a re-enactment of the French and Indian War at the Mabee Farm.

Kim writes, “Here are some pictures from this weekend--- battle and participants-- took about 100 pictures-.



Mike Companion

Guy with red hat on the ground and with Indian is Mike Companion-- Gary's cousin-- they share Levi Mabee in common-- one great grandfather and the other g-g grandfather---lives in Clifton Park-- already told him about coming to next year's reunion---



Cliff with interns, Devan and Sara.

The 2 interns are great--- Devan is from around Seattle, Washington; going to Albany State. Sara had worked at Cooperstown-- she took over my buttermaking. “

She adds, “we are resting today-- am sure the farm staff are in recovery--- Gary parked cars for 6 hours each day and I did gift shop--- not enough help! plus a barn dance Saturday night -- then Sunday eve a new thing this summer— “howling at the moon”--- music groups-- everything free-- we got grants and sponsors--- Kim”



And yet, another project – Kim, Theresa Pistolessi and Bill Ackner cleaning at the Mabee Farm Cemetery.

ORAL HISTORY; A PEEK INTO THE PAST

PIONEERS IN PUTNAM COUNTY, 1921 – 1944 By Gloria Casamo Mabie

“When my mother and I moved from a small rural town in Putnam County to New York City in 1944, I was thrust from the 19th into the 20th century.

Both my parents were born in 1886 in Europe; my father came from Italy at 18, and my mother from Balstad in the Lofoten Islands, Norway, when she was 21. She spoke no English but quickly found jobs with well-known American families. They met and were married when they were 27, and within four years they had three sons.

They lived on East 72nd St., in a fourth-floor apartment. My mother was concerned about a growing family and the hazards of the city. The boys were eager to climb on wrought iron fences, with spikes on top and to rush into the street where there were horses and pushcarts.

Mr. Gaydos, who delivered eggs and vegetables told my parents about Patterson, in Putnam County, and how green and safe it was. So my father decided, after one brief visit, that he would be willing to leave the city until the children were grown. My mother agreed..

I am the youngest of three more children, born in the hamlet of Patterson. There most families had ancestors going back to colonial days. When I learned how to walk the few blocks to the post office, it was my job to pick up the mail when the train came in. Our box was number 347, way down near the end, but my friend's

box was number 1 and it had always been in her family.

At first, my father, a designer and custom tailor had barely more than three customers; Dr. Genovese, Mr. Hillary, the minister, and Towner Kent, a lawyer who wore three-piece suits. But he made every suit, coat, pair of knickers and leggings worn in our family and mother knit all the sweaters, mittens and scarves. Soon Mrs. Genovese, Hilda Moline, the school teacher and others began to join the well-dressed.

Our lifestyle was incredibly simple. If you were to look today on Orchard Street, you could still find Ballard's pump that supplied from early to mid-century, many families with drinking water that was carried by pail to their kitchens. Milk came from Rutledge's farm and eggs from the neighbors. Wood was sawed and chopped, and my mother and the younger ones often did the kindling. My father rose early every morning to make sure the house was warm and the stove hot when the rest of us got up.

Like all country boys, my brothers liked to explore, and one day they came home with a packet of old letters they had found in a long-empty house. The envelopes and stamps were faded; the letters had been signed by the Secretary of State. They wanted to know what buried treasure they found. My mother, who had before marriage worked for Sara Delano Roosevelt, decided to return to Hyde Park and offer Mrs. Roosevelt the letters. She had been on cordial terms with Mrs. Roosevelt when she left and had received a package each year with things for the children. So, when I was one year old, Mom and I went to Hyde Park for a visit. Unfortunately, Mrs.

Roosevelt was busy elsewhere that day and I didn't get to meet her, but she welcomed the letters and said we should stay for tea and a visit

Many of Patterson's fun activities centered around the church, as the Reverend and Mrs Hillary did not have children and they were always thinking of parties and socials, speakers and concerts, as well as pageants and church activities. Nearly everyone went to the church. I was allowed out one evening a week to attend choir practice and afterwards Mr. Hillary would take us for a ride in his car out along Route 22 and give each of us a candy treat. That was a lot of fun!

The Town Hall offered theatricals, dances and variety shows with local talent. I especially remember a minstrel show. At home we gathered around the radio for Jack Benny, the Metropolitan Opera broadcasts and Jessica Dragonette. We liked to pump the player piano and sing "Constantinople" and many other songs, as loud as we could. You might say that the radio was our concession to the 20th century. We never had a phone until we returned to the city.

My bothers Charlie, Bill and Johnny (often referred to collectively), left home early for jobs, college, the war and their own families. My sister went to college and began to work in the city. My father took a job during World War II at a huge uniform depot in the garment district and came home on weekends.

My mother decided when I completed 10th Grade, that I was a adult and so on my 14th birthday we moved back to the city and left the town that had physically changed so little since the 1800's."

The lovely Gloria passed away November 25, 2008. She and her husband, Barrie are Members # 45.

WHO WILL WRITE YOUR STORY?

As a Maybee Society member, you are probably already involved in writing your own biography. After all, we want our children, grandchildren, etc. to hear **our** version of our lives rather than that of someone else.

However, sometimes we get so involved in the histories of our ancestors that we forget to write our own.

Our descendants will be interested in the little details of our lives; how we dressed, what we ate, our friends and interesting stories. It is a lot of fun to discover similarities between our lives and our ancestors.

My brother, Bill, had what his family called a "food-o-graphic" memory. He remembered events by what he ate. Really enjoying food seems to be a family trait. So it was very interesting to me to read that Joseph Maybee, the brother of my ancestor, David Maybee had this to say, "

"_And then the large fireplace with the large iron andirons. The potatoes we used to put in the ashes and cover them up with coals to bake them. Tin bake oven set before the fire to bake briskets and for Christmas a large sparerib or goose to hang up before the fire suspended by a string and a dish under to catch drippings and Charles or Joe to turn it and baste it so as not to have it burn and when it was done brown and with the other fixings sit around the table..

each one with a whole rib or the piece resistance of the goose whichever it was... didn't it taste good. ... "

How to get started? First begin with a base of event dates. I began an event file long ago when I needed to sort photographs by date. Then fill in the details. This doesn't need to be done all at once, just add stories when you remember them.

UPDATES FROM BARB KINEKE:

We had many inquiries about the death of a Gary Mabie, from Albany. Many people thought he was the Gary Mabee, Member #78, who is married to Kim Mabee. Barb Kineke sent us the information on the correct Gary.

She writes, "Just thought I would update you on another death in my line. This is my cousin Gary Mabie from Albany. He was son of my Uncle Frederick Mabie who was a brother to my mother. My mom will be 90 next March!! But still going strong. "We also had a few births this year. My nephew Jeff and Amanda Brodie had a son Blake Elliot Brodie on March 31, 2009 and Mick and I had our very first grandchild!! Our son Michael and wife Sara Kineke had Addison Grace Kineke on January 7, 2009."

OBIT: GARY E. MABIE

Mabie, Gary E. ALBANY Gary E. Mabie, 58, passed away suddenly on Friday, May 29, 2008. Born in Oneonta, N.Y., he was the son of the late Frederick and Norma Mabie. Gary lived in Albany for most of his life. He had a degree in culinary arts from SUNY Morrisville and was a Chef and Food Service Director, currently working for Eurest

Dining/Compass Group at Capital District Physicians Health Plan. He enjoyed camping and hunting and especially loved vacationing every summer with his family in New Jersey. Gary is the beloved husband of 37 years to Lori K. Mabie. He is the devoted father of Stephanie (John Wimmer) Mabie and Kimberly Cirigliano. He is the loving brother of Larry (Patty) Mabie, Patti (Dan) Gustafson, Rodney (Cindy) Mabie and Rickke (Michelle) Mabie. Gary is the cherished grandfather of Danai-Rose Cirigliano. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at New Comer-Cannon Funeral Home, 343 New Karner Rd., Colonie (Rt. 155-south of Central Ave.). Calling hours will be Tuesday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be in Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Niskayuna."

WILLIAM S. MABIE

William Mabie was a descendant of William Mabie and Sophia Scripture.

"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 a. m. at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery with full Air Force honors. You may sign the on-line guestbook at www.missionparks.com under the obituary section. Mission Park Funeral Chapels North.”

MARY LOU 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 Owner’s Association and was very involved with her community.

Mary Lou was a loving wife, mother, mother and grandmother, who 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.”

RETIREMENT:

. Jim and Ellie Schneck, Members # 129, wrote to say they had decided to retire from the Maybee Society.

The Schnecks have been members for years and have submitted many valuable pictures, among them Peter Mabie and Peter Addison Mabie’s family

Eleanor is a sister of member Richard H. Maybee, #73 and is descended from

Harold George Mabie, b. 1890, son of Marshall Isaac Maybee, 1859, son of Isaac Mabie, 1820.

QUERY:

Louella Brodie, Member # 129, writes, I would like to find Cheryl Anderson, Member #112. “ We are hoping that one of you knows Cheryl’s new address. If you do, please write to Luella Brodie at 2959 County Highway 34, Westford, NY 13488.

MUTIRE’S NEW WEB SITE:

Mutrie invites us to visit his new home site, “*The Long Point Settlers*”. R. Robert Mutrie.

<http://sites.google.com/site/longpointsettlers>

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DUES: We would really appreciate it if members would bring their dues up to date. 2010 dues are due in January.

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SOUTH VALLEY REUNION

Sunday July 12th, the 85th William and Sophia Mabie reunion was held in Fultonville, NY at Roy, and Janine Dykemans. 66 Mabies attended this year, making it the largest attendance in many many years. We even enjoyed meeting some Mabies who had never attended before, as well as welcoming back some who have been absent in the past few years. William and Sophia Scripture Mabie moved to South Valley, Otsego County, NY in the early 1800's. They had 12 children, three of whom died at birth or shortly after. Of the remaining 9 children, 5 of the lines were represented at this year's reunion. James Dana Mabie - 2 descendants, Arba Oscar Mabie- 30 descendants, John Peter Mabie-2 descendants, David Anthony Mabie line-30 descendants and the Washington Mabie line-2 descendants. A wonderful covered dish dinner was enjoyed, and once again the Mabie clan outdid itself with so many varieties of wonderful food. After the meal, a business meeting was held, led by President Bob Mabie. The treasurers and secretary reports were read by Mary Lou Bach. A historian report read by Barb Kineke. There were 12 special anniversaries noted, 4 deaths, 2 births, 2 marriages and 2 graduations. The same slate of officers was kept for next year. The date for the 2010 reunion was set for July 11, the second Sunday in July. It was decided to hold it once again in Fultonville at the Dykeman home. Other items noted were:

The family with most children present, Elliot and Luella Mabie Brodie with all 7,
The family with the most generations present, Elliot and Luella Mabie Brodie with 4.
Most seasoned Mabie was Herbert (Stub) Mabie at age of 92.
Least seasoned was Blake Elliott Brodie at 3 months old, son of Jeff and Amanda Brodie.
Family traveling the furthest was the Elliott Brodie Jr. family of Summerfield, Florida traveling over 1300 miles.

After the business meeting a huge family group family picture was taken as well as some individual families, courtesy of Mick Kineke. Roy Dykeman also took groups of people on a tour of his farm which many enjoyed.

We encourage any descendants from the William and Sophia Mabie family of South Valley to contact historian Barb Kineke with your address so you can be invited to next years reunion. Her email address is micknbarb1980@yahoo.com or 801 Robinson Road Mohawk, NY 13407.