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The President's Corner

Mabies have been having family reunions forever. No doubt when one of Peter Casparzen's children came down from Fort Orange/Albany/Schenectady, the Manhattan brothers and sisters would meet at Aechtje Jan's house at Marketfield and Broad Street in Manhattan for a Mabee reunion. The first reunions were probably only Aechtjtje (Pieter died before 1664) and their sons and daughters with their children. As each generation grew, the reunions would grow larger; soon however distances split the further generations and their reunions, and people lost touch, but groups of us still kept up the tradition.

The descendants of William and Sofia Scripture Mabee had their 76th reunion in South Valley on August 13, 2000. As the Mabies became snowbirds the South Valley Group had reunions in Florida - De Brenner (member # 101) has sent the Maybee Society information, pictures and program of the Florida reunions.

In the same year the descendants of Charles Ivan Maybee and Pansy E. (Bates) Maybee had their Reunion in historic Nebraska City, Nebraska, and Kim and Gary Mabee sponsored the second Maybee reunion at the at the Mabee Farm (Jan

Mabee House).

This summer Kim and Gary will again sponsor a reunion at the Mabee Farm, come see all the friendly folk who call themselves Mabee, Mabee, Maybee, Mabee, or however else they now spell it. We hope many of you will come, if at all possible.

Family Reunion Information

Thanks to the hard work of Kim and Gary Mabee, another Maybee Society family reunion is being held on Saturday, August 7, 2010 at the Mabee Farm in Rotterdam Junction, NY, just 7 miles outside of Schenectady.

The activities on Saturday will start at noon and run until 10:00 PM. During the day there is a low key demonstration on going at the farm open to the public with craft demonstrations. For the reunion attendees, we will have a tour of the ongoing construction of the education center, a tent

for reunion attendees to gather and meet, a chicken dinner followed by a barn dance with music by the Riverview Ramblers. **The total cost for the entire reunion is just \$35.00 per person.**

For those able to arrive on Friday afternoon, we have plans for a tour of the Jan Mabee House, and an informal genealogy discussion with questions & answers, ending up at Kim and Gary's for an informal barbeque.

For those able to stay on Sunday, we will have a private tour of the Faces of Schenectady 1715 – 1750 art exhibit at the Schenectady County Historical Society, along with a walking tour of the stockade. The exhibit will showcase portraits of the Veeders, Glens, Sanders, Becks, Truax, Swarths, Van Slyck, Ten Eyck and the Schenectady County Historical Society's portraits of Helena Van Eps and the Van der Volgens. Included is the portrait of Anna Mol Fairly Beck a niece of Jan Pieterse Mabee the progenitor of the Mabee name in Schenectady and the first Mabee to own the historic Mabee house given to the Society by the late George Franchere, a descendant. Groundbreaking ceremonies were recently held for an Education Center on the site. *The portrait of Anna Mol Beck is the only known Mabee portrait from this early period of Schenectady history.*

Anna Mol Fairly Beck came to Schenectady in 1703 following her marriage to Caleb Beck. She was the daughter of Engeltie Mabee and Jan Jansen Mol and granddaughter of Pieter Casparzen van Naerden and Aechtje Jans.

The exhibit will celebrate the Society's recent acquisition of the Van der Volgen

collection which includes an important portrait of Laurens Claus Van der Volgen who was taken prisoner by the Indians during the 1690 massacre, returned to Schenectady ten years later and became interpreter for the New York Province. The portrait is attributed to Nehemiah Partridge and was painted about 1720. It is a major addition to the society's collection.

Please RSVP as soon as possible, but not later than July 1, 2010 to Steve Mabee at SMabee@AOL.com or by snail mail at 2139 Oak Creek, San Antonio, TX 78232.

See the Mabee Society web site for reunion updates and additional news.

Another Note from the President:

I am having problems with foreign payments for dues and other payments to the Society. I can put all the US checks made out to the Mabee Society into the bank using the ATM, but Canadian and other foreign checks and money orders are rejected. The bank will only deposit checks made out to the Mabee Society into an account under that name. However they charge \$20 per month service charge on such an account, which was why we had to drop the Mabee Society bank account last year. You can use PayPal to pay your dues or reunion payments (our email is maysoc@comcast.net). For money orders and non US checks, would you be so kind as to make them payable to "John MayBee, Mabee Society President". Thank you

John MayBee

Ephraim Maybee- One More Time

About three years ago I announced that the death date for Ephraim Maybee had been discovered in the early Membership Ledger for Franck Masonic Lodge, Frankford, ON. He died Oct 7, 1874, and that information has not turned up anywhere else- no cemetery record, no burial record, no official Government Death Registration.

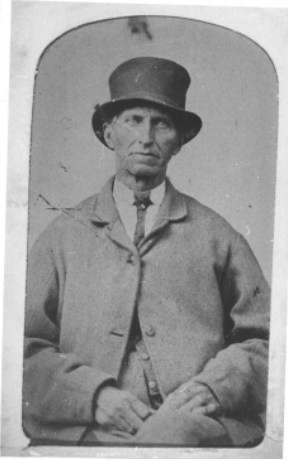
Ephraim was born about 1809 in Murray Township, Northumberland Co. ON. He was the fourth son of Peter Maybee and Catherine Huff, and a grandson of Loyalist Capt. Abraham Maybee U.E. Ephraim's first wife was Catherine Gunter who died in 1852, and his second wife was Jane Powers. All children but one were from the first marriage. Catherine is buried at Stockdale Cemetery, and it seems logical that Ephraim is too.

Ephraim was a charter member of Franck Lodge in 1860 and many times over the course of his Masonic career, he served in the position of Outer Guard at meetings. As the Lodge approaches its 150th anniversary in 2010 I have been sifting through the early records, and I have found more references to Ephraim. Seems he was a feisty character and got himself into some trouble. In mid-1871 Ephraim and another member came to blows during Lodge, resulting in their suspension for two years, but the story didn't end there. In August they were both reinstated, because of a lack of proper notification. In September they were both suspended again, with the added details that during the altercation coats were taken off so they could really have a go at it, vulgar language was involved, (whatever constituted vulgar language in 1871), and both were quite intoxicated. Ephraim, however, was reinstated a mere six months later.

A final note regarding Ephraim is

found in the Minutes for Oct 19, 1874 where it was revealed that the Lodge had paid for Ephraim's coffin and hearse. Perhaps it was done out of respect for him and his otherwise long service to the Lodge, but it could have been an indication of want. You can't say the Maybees are boring!

Peter W. Johnson #11



Ephraim Maybee from a tintype.



Catherine's marker at Stockdale Cemetery. Note that they shortened 'Maybee' because of lack of room.

Photo by P. Johnson

Change in Society Dues

Effective this year, the Maybee Society Communicator will be published semi-annually rather than quarterly. Therefore, we are reducing the annual dues accordingly. The new dues are \$5 per year for those receiving an e-mail only version of the Communicator, and \$10 per year for those receiving a printed copy through the mail. For those who recently paid at the old higher rate, John has credited your accounts based on the new rates.

Obituary: Melvin Robert Maybee

Larry Allen Maybee #54 wrote to let us know of the passing of his brother, Melvin Maybee, a proud member of the Society:

Melvin Robert Maybee, 85, passed away Jan. 15, 2010 at his residence in Douglas City. He was born Oct. 31, 1924 in Nebraska City, Neb.

Mr. Maybee valued his brothers and sisters, his children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces as the most important aspects of his life. He loved them dearly.

The joy of his life was his wife and soul mate of 48 years, Garland "GG" Maybee. They lived together in love and mutual respect for the last 25 years in their wonderful home on the banks of the beautiful Trinity River near Weaverville.

My. Maybee's professional life was in the military, where he was a meteorologist for 20 years for the US Air Force. He also served as a combat air crew bombardier in World War II and the Korean War, and he was awarded the Air Force Air Medal. He was honorably discharged in 1963. He was very proud of his service to his country.

Mr. Maybee is survived by his sisters Shirley Lutge of San Francisco, CA, Lois Prather of Glenwood, Iowa, Margie Melton of Lincoln, Neb., Jackie Tibbels of West Point, Neb., and Nancy Michaels of Lincoln, Neb.; and brothers Harold Maybee of Clearwater, Fla., Allen Maybee of Scotts Bluff, Neb., and Patrick Bressler/Maybee of Sacramento, CA. He was the proud father of Bruce, Nora and Hope, and had three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister Josephine Livingston, and brothers Charles and Leo.

Who We Are:

The Maybee Society Communicator is a publication of the Maybee Society, 154 Wolverine Way, Scotts Valley, CA 95066-5111. Dues, data and information should now be sent to this location and materials for the Maybee Society will be kept here.

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For the observant:

For those that noticed the new Coat of Arms in the Banner of this publication. The old Coat of Arms previously used is for the Mabile Family of France. Since it has now been proved that our family is not related to the Mabile Family, we have changed to a Coat of Arms officially documented for the Mabie Family in Burke's General Armory.