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The President's Corner

Twenty-five years ago my sister Belva Maybee Perry, following in our grandmother's footsteps, was doing her own family genealogy. She had been corresponding with many people all over the United States, and became pen pals with many of them. In 1986 she and George Maybee Martin floated the idea of the Maybee Society and 33 people started the Society.

At that time there was no internet and these people were digging into family histories and bibles; looking into older publications that had information on our families, and into census records, church records; and government vital statistics.

Belva put the information from the submitted family group sheets, pedigree sheets and other paper records on index cards. In 1988 Belva moved this information to a computer. The card file was put in an early database and the family group and pedigree sheets were put into the new Personal Ancestry Files (PAF) put out by the LDS Church. Since that time, we have moved to newer and better programs and ongoing research has been able to untangle many (but not all) of the errors in our original files. Where there is

insufficient proof, we have made notes indicating differing opinions.

The work done by genealogical researchers prior to the internet was arduous involving much travel, mail inquiries, photocopying, etc. and we are very grateful for our predecessor's work. Now the internet gives us access to more and more original records to verify and add to our Maybee database, but we still need you to send in the data on your families that we do not have.

Research Update

The subjects of this edition's research update are Simon Mabee of Westchester County, NY, and how synergism plays a major role in advancing the genealogical research of our family.

But first, a little background on Simon and the rest of the family of Caspar Mabee, born in 1660. As most of you know, Caspar married

Lysbeth Schurmans on December 14, 1687 in the New York Dutch Reformed Church. We know they had the following children, all baptized in the same church on the dates noted: Peter (12/26/1689); Christine (6/30/1692); Fredrick (9/1/1695); Jeremias (6/25/1699); Abraham (11/18/1705); and John (5/9/1708). We also know, from the 1715 will of Sophia Romeyn (Lysbeth's aunt) that Caspar and Lysbeth had three other daughters whose baptism records have not been found: Affie, Sophia and Catherine.

We also know that Caspar and Lysbeth moved quite often, and that they lived in New York City, Harlem, Bergen County, NJ, and finally, New Rochelle, West Chester County, where Lysbeth's parents are known to have lived.

This brings us to Simon Mabee. We know that on 4/17/1724, Simon Mabe was listed as a Freeholder of New Rochelle. We also know that Simon and his wife Marie baptized two children in the French Church of New Rochelle: Elizabeth (4/17/1726) and Daniel (8/6/1732). The next definitive record we have for Simon Mabee is not until 1773, when on March 22, Simon Mabee of Courtlandt's Manor (Westchester County) ran an advertisement for a runaway slave named Ned in the New York Gazette and Weekly Mercury. From these few facts we

have been left to piece together the family and life of Simon Mabee.

Luckily, we have detailed information on the families and lives of Caspar's other children. We know that Peter, Caspar's eldest, married and baptized a large family in Bergen County. We know that John, after marrying and having a first child in New Rochelle, joined his brother Peter in Bergen County. Their families are well recorded in church records. Likewise, we know that Abraham baptized all his children in New Rochelle, and then moved on to Dutchess (later Putnam) County. And Jeremias married three times and baptized all of his children in the Dutch Church at Sleepy Hollow.

That leaves Fredrick, of whom there is absolutely no trace in any records. Thus we are left with tantalizing, but unanswerable questions. Is it possible that Simon Mabee is actually the child whose baptism record gives the name Fredrick? Or did Fredrick simply die unmarried? Or, if not, is it possible that Fredrick survived childhood, married, and had children? Unfortunately, given the state of the records in Westchester County, the answer to all of the above questions is yes.

However, all genealogists to date have assumed that Fredrick died without offspring, and that Simon Mabee was simply another child of

Caspar, and that all other Mabees in Westchester County who appear in the time frame of a next generation are, in fact, offspring of Simon.

The first clue as to the names of Simon's sons comes in the form of a 1760 Muster Roll for Captain Ananais Rogers' Company of Westchester County Militia, whose members were from the area of Westchester County that included Courtlandt Manor. This list includes the names: John, Jacob, Jeremiah, Frederick, William and Symon Mabee (with various spellings of the surname). We can unambiguously establish that none of these men (who had to be between the ages of 16 and 60) were a son of either of Caspar's sons Abraham or Jeremias. Furthermore, none could possibly be a son of Simon's son Daniel, baptized in 1733. Therefore, at a minimum, we can establish that Simon was the father of 5 other sons: John, Jacob, Jeremiah, Frederick and William. Another possible son of Simon was Peter Mabee, who first shows up on Dutchess County Tax Rolls in 1763, was married to Elenor and who later moved to Saratoga. Peter was killed in the service of the British army during the Revolution. Most genealogists also credit Simon with three other children by a second marriage: Leah, Margaret and Silas. However, for these three, the possibility exists that these are children of Simon's son Daniel.

Finally, there is the case of a younger Simon Mabee, who was captured in 1777 and accused of spying for the British. After a court martial, Simon was hanged. During his trial, a witness in his defense was Mary Putnam, who claimed to be his sister, and who stated that he had no wife or family. At his trial, Simon stated that his father's farm was near Croton Bridge.

Enter serendipity. I recently became acquainted with a very capable researcher by the name of Gayle Ann Livecchia. Gayle is actively researching the Service/Servis Family, and my great-great-great grandfather, Peter Mabee, married Margaret Service, so I also am researching that family. Gayle was recently in New York City, at the New York Historical Society, doing research on the Service Family. One of the sets of documents she became interested in was the Papers of Sir Peter Warren. Sir Peter and his wife, Susan, were major land owners in colonial New York, both in what is now Montgomery County and in Westchester County. What Gayle found, among other things, was a detailed map of the Warren's holdings in Westchester County together with Rent Roll lists which named the tenants who resided on the land.

Knowing that I would be interested in anything associated with the

Mabie name, Gayle copied these documents and sent them to me. And now, for the first time, we have a surveyor's map (see next page, bottom of map) that shows exactly where Simon Mabee lived on the Croton River!

The map shows that Simon's lot, Lot #2, as 196 acres on the North side of the Croton River. The adjacent lot of 211 acres (Lot #1) was occupied by David Montross, with both of those lots abutting the Croton. On the other side of Simon was Richard Crab on Lot #15.

Interestingly, the corresponding list of tenants shows the acreage of the Montross and Mabee lots reversed, with Simon's being 211 acres, and Montross with 196. Based simply on looking at the map, I believe that the Tenant list is the more accurate, since Lot 2 appears on the map to be slightly larger than Lot 1.

The Rent Roll, dated 1769, also states that Simon was on "Parole" indicating in this instance that he no longer had to make rent payments to the Lady Susan Warren of 15 Pounds, 16 Shillings, presumably because he was of advanced age.

Space prevents me from attempting to include a copy of the Rent Roll as a part of this article, but I assure you it is fascinating to read all of the names of the tenants of Susan

Warren in 1769. If anyone would like a copy of the jpg image (thanks to Gayle) I will be more than glad to e-mail you a copy separately. Just write me at SMabie@AOL.com and mention the Warren Rent Roll and I will send it back by return e-mail. The image is just under 2 meg. I can also send you a copy of the entire surveyor's map, including the Warren holdings on the South side of the Croton if you are interested.

Obituaries

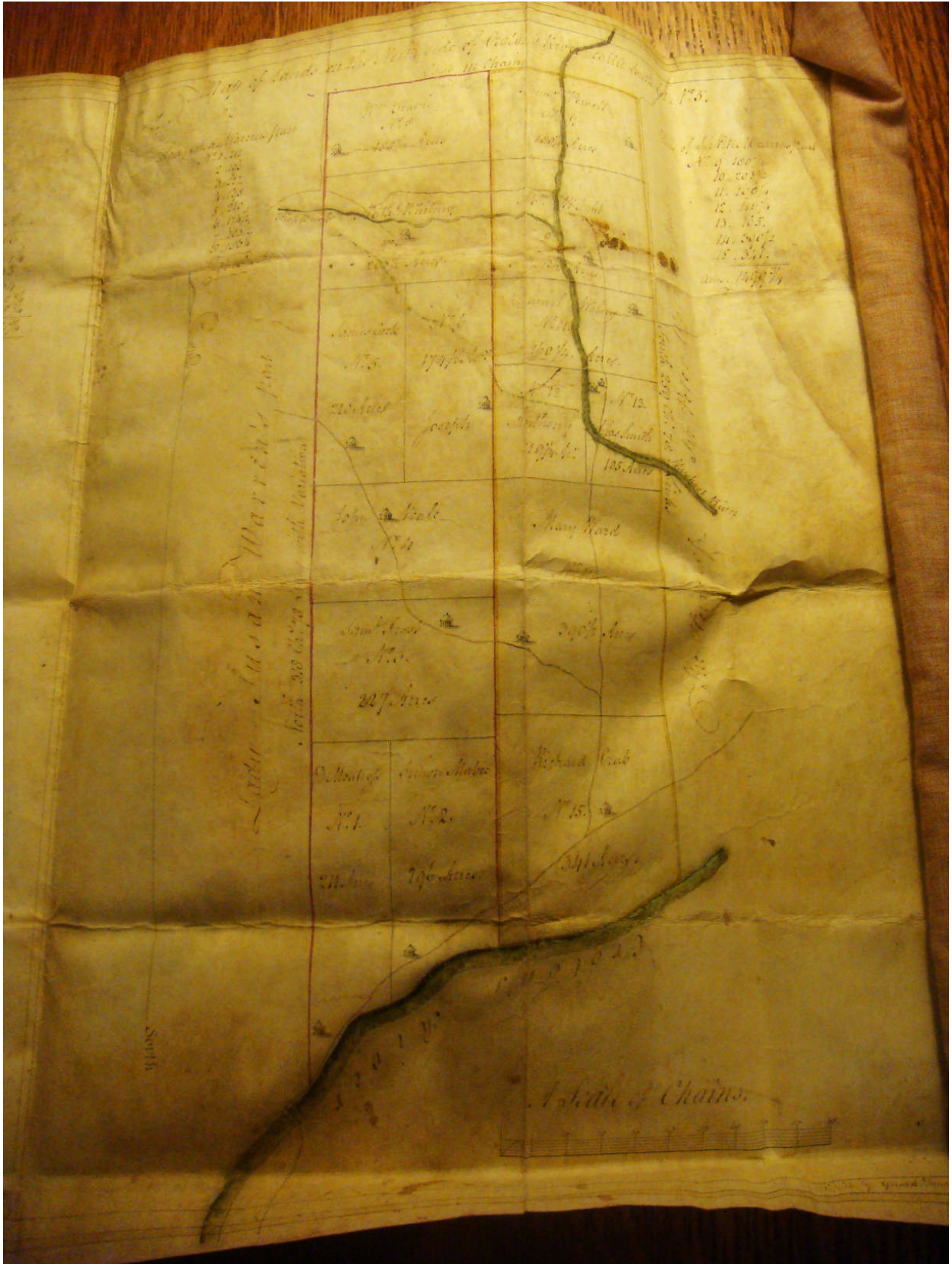
Mother of Orvan Mabie, MS member 68.

Goshen (Indiana) News, December 31, 2010:

Jean Margaret Mabie, 84, died Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. at her home. She married Orvan L. Mabie Sr. Nov. 21, 1945, in Syracuse. He died Oct. 10, 1997.

She is survived by her daughter, Diana L. (Henry) Brubaker, Bristol; and two sons, Orvan L. (Catherine) Mabie Jr., Goshen, and Allen D. (Sandi Larkin-Hall) Mabie, Niles, Mich.

Friends called Monday from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, where a service began at 7 p.m. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery, North Webster.



Obituaries (Con't)

Brother of Luella Brodie MS# 159 and father of William Herbert Mabie MS#330

Herbert (Stub) J. Mabie, 92, passed away peacefully at home Saturday, April 17, 2010, after a long illness with his family by his side.

He was born July 10, 1917, in South Valley, to E. Herbert and Mary (Shillito) Mabie.

He was married Feb. 4, 1941, to Mildred Anna Snyder, his beloved wife of 50 years. She passed away July 2, 1991.

Herbert was a lifelong resident of South Valley, where he was born and raised and also attended school. In his early years, he worked and then managed his family farm. He also was employed by the Town of Roseboom, as highway superintendent, and was an Otsego County Correctional Officer. He worked as a carpenter for many years.

He was dedicated to his family and community. He especially enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Herbert was a trustee of the South Valley/Pleasant Brook Cemetery Association, and acted as a deacon and trustee of the South Valley Christian

Church for many years.

He along with his sons, and grandchildren enjoyed making maple syrup each year. Stub was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it.

He is survived by his sisters, Myra Webster of Cherry Valley, and Luella Brodie of South Valley; as well as his son, William H. Mabie; and daughter, Margaret L. Mabie, both of South Valley; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents; wife; brothers, Frank H. Mabie and Fredrick E. Mabie; and his children, Linda Ruth Mabie and Arthur Lee Mabie.

A memorial service to celebrate his life was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 1, 2010, at the South Valley Christian Church in South Valley.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Ottman Funeral Home, Cherry Valley

Doris was member 161

Doris Mabee Kautzman was born on March 16, 1930 in Goshen, NY and on October 11, 2010, passed away peacefully at Saratoga

Hospital, with family and friends at her side. Her life was full and vibrant, with education and writing always playing important roles. She attended a one room schoolhouse and went on to graduate from State Teachers College at New Paltz. Doris was an elementary school reading specialist on Long Island for 29 years. After retiring she started a company to help children become interested in reading by writing and publishing their own books.

Married to Philip J. Kautzman in 1953, they raised their three children in Westbury, NY. She and Phil retired and spent 20 years in Sebastian, FL. Upon Philip's passing in 2005, Doris moved to Saratoga Springs, NY, to be near her daughters. Doris has four siblings: Marge, Helen, Harry and Trudy. She is also survived by her children, Carol Kautzman, Philip Kautzman, Deborah DeLosa and her adored grandchildren, Amanda and Philip III. She will be missed by Debby Reynolds, Gail Kautzman and Jack Varley and numerous other family members and countless friends.

Funeral services were held at 9:30am Friday (Oct. 15, 2010)

in Bethesda Episcopal Church, corner of Broadway at Washington Street, officiated by The Rev'd. Canon Thomas T. Parke, rector. Burial followed at 11am at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville.

Father of Kym Hartwig

MS#62

Carl Julius Hartwig died Sunday morning, Oct. 24, 2010, in a local hospital. He was born Aug. 10, 1935, to Julius and Isabella (Mast) Hartwig in Dillon. He married Karen Neidt Sept. 9, 1956, in Washington, D.C., where he was enlisted in the Navy. After serving at Fort Mead, Md., and in Japan, Carl and Karen returned to Montana where Carl worked various jobs until accomplishing a life-long dream of becoming a pilot. Carl worked as a flight instructor in Dillon and then at Butte Aero in Butte, before becoming a pilot for the Montana Power Co., in 1980 from which he retired in 1999. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in various callings in the Butte First Ward.

Carl is survived by his wife of 54 years, Karen; brothers, Bill

Hartwig of Red Rock, Kenneth (Suzie) Hartwig of Belgrade; sister-in-law, Chari (Gordon) Payne of Whitehall; children, Janis (Dan) Woodards of Butte, Pat (Annie) Hartwig of East Helena, Kym (Walt) Lewis of Ammon, Idaho, Faith (John) Metesh of Butte, Kyle (Megan) Hartwig of Vancouver, Wash., Jake (Lisa) Hartwig of Butte, Alden (Carol) Hartwig of Selah, Wash., Laura (Kevin) Terry of Washougal, Wash., Jon (Chris) Hartwig of Raymond, Ohio, and Jennifer (Tyler) Fleming of Butte. Carl had 21 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A viewing was held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 29, in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3000 Four Mile Road, Butte, followed by funeral services at 11 a.m. in the chapel. Interment was at 3 p.m. in the Mountain View Cemetery in Dillon.

Daughter of Ella Webster
Mabie MS#173

Melanie Ray Sorrell, 30, of Rhoadesville, died on Friday, July 9, 2010, as a result of a motor vehicle accident in

Orange County.

She was born on January 6, 1980, in Culpeper, the daughter of Gerald "Jerry" L. and Ella Webster Mabie of Orange.

Also surviving are her husband, Robert B. Sorrell of Rhoadesville; a daughter, Norah Mae Sorrell of Rhoadesville; paternal grandmother, Gertrude A. Smith of Orange; maternal grandmother, Florence A. Webster of Springfield, New York; brothers, Jerome E. Mabie and his wife, Denise, of Locust Grove, Benjamin F. Mabie, and his wife, Jennifer, of Midlothian; father-in-law, Robert C. Sorrell of Rhoadesville; mother-in-law, Mary Jane Sorrell-Long of Woodbridge; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at the Preddy Funeral Home in Orange, with interment at the Graham Cemetery in Orange. Pastor Jeff Shifflett officiated.

Father of Will Mabee, MS
#195:

Wilfred "Bill" Mabee passed away on Monday, Nov. 29, 2010 at Regency Grande Nursing Center, Dover. He was 87 years of age. Born in Sparta, he lived in Newton,

Dover and Mine Hill before moving to Wharton in 1998. Mr. Mabee was a foreman at Compac Corporation, Netcong for 42 years, retiring in 1989. He proudly served his country during WW II in the US Army. Member of the Wharton American Legion Post 91 and the Netcong VFW for many years. Bill was an avid fisherman and in 1957 caught a record 7.5 pound trout at Lake Hopatcong. He also enjoyed hunting and spending time watching the harness racing at Monticello. He was a wonderful husband and father, a dedicated family man. Survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Lois J. Mabee. Devoted father of Bonnie Manning and her husband Robert of Byram, Wilfred J. Mabee and his wife Linda of Oak Ridge, Richard Mabee of Budd Lake, Lois McGrath and her husband Scott of Newton. Also survived by ten grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, one great great granddaughter and numerous nieces & nephews. Visitation was held on Thursday, 3-5 PM at the Bermingham Funeral Home, 216 S. Main St. Wharton. Funeral service was held Thursday at 5 PM following the visitation.

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A Note from Steve:

I apologize for not getting this issue out before now, but I have been swamped with work over the past two months, and I have had to do quite a bit of business travel during this time. The good news is the retirement is near. With luck, I will be retired by summer's end, and finally have more time to spend on genealogy. Thanks for your patience.

View of the Jan Mabee House in Rotterdam Junction, NY, from the new Franchere Education Center (Photo Courtesy of Kim Mabee)

