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The President's Corner

The 1940 US Census is available (but not indexed yet). This census will be the first one that shows my name!

While waiting for the indexing, I am working on our English lines with the 1911 censuses of England, Wales, and the Channel Islands.

Also fairly new are the Dorset, England, Births and Baptisms, 1813-1906; Marriages and Banns, 1813-1921; and Deaths and Burials, 1813-2001. We had transcribed some of this information from films at the Family Search Center in Salt Lake, but are finding even more on the ancestry.com indexed files.

John MayBee, President

Research Update

By Steve Mabie
Vice-President

In the previous Communicator, two items were mentioned that would be included in this edition. We are including, to the extent that space permits, photos from the Headstone Marking Ceremony for Simon Mabee (1769 – 1842) which was held at St. Mark in-the-Bowery Episcopal Church on October 29, 2011. But first, as promised, a

very interesting tale which has emerged recently concerning one Peter L. Mabie Jr.

I'll start this story with the identification of our subject's father, Peter Lent Mabie, who was baptized in the Dutch Reformed Church of New York City on November 9, 1794. Peter Lent Mabie was the fifth child of Cornelius Mabie and Affie De Clark. So, the ancestors of Peter Lent Mabie were: Caspar (1660), Peter (1689), Abraham (1731) and Cornelius (1763). Peter Lent Mabie served in the War of 1812 and actually was the first of the Mabie Family to apply (unsuccessfully) for admission to the US Military Academy at West Point.

Peter Lent Mabie married first, Miss Abigail Payson on August 8, 1815 in Henrico County, Virginia. Children of this marriage were: Edward Payson, Cornelius, James Clark, Abraham and Peter L. It is also possible that the couple had three other children: John, Emeline and Jane Ann. Abigail died on January 12, 1838, and Peter Lent Mabie married two more times: Maria Graham on February 5, 1843 (she died May 1, 1844) and, prior to 1850, Catherine Wagner, but neither of these marriages resulted in children.

But our subject is the youngest son, Peter Lent Mabie Jr. We know that this Peter married first a lady named Fanny (surname unknown) and that she died on June 3, 1856. Two children of this first marriage are known: Edward Payson and Fanny.

This brings us to the 1860 US Federal Census. It was while transcribing this census that an oddity was first noticed: there were two enumerations for men named Peter Mabie, auctioneer:

1860 New York City, NY

Peter Maybee, age 32, auctioneer
Monah L. Maybee, age 29, born in NY
Maria L. Maybee, age 14
Cornelius Maybee, age 5
Frances Maybee, age 3
Fanny Maybee, age 2

1860 Brooklyn, NY

Peter Mabey, age 32, auctioneer
Mary Mabey, age 29, born in England
Kate Mabey, age 3
Peter Mabey, age 7/12

This remained just a curiosity for some time, until the same oddity was found in the 1880 US Federal Census:

1880 New York City, NY

Peter Mabie, age 50, auctioneer
Maria Mabie, age 50, born in NY
Fannie Mabie, age 20
Ida Mabie, age 16
Marie Mabie, age 15

1880 San Francisco, CA

Peter Mabie, age 50, auctioneer
Mary Mabie, age 49, born in London
Kate R. Mabie, age 22
Julian E. Mabie, age 11
May T. Mabie, age 14
Alfred H. Mabie, age 9
Walter C. Mabie, age 6

This prompted a very close review of the 1870 US Federal Census, but despite a very thorough search, only one of the families was found. But this raised even more questions, as that family was enumerated twice with minor differences. But the basic information found was:

1870 New York City, NY

Peter Mabie, age 40, auctioneer
Maria Louisa Mabie, age 39, born in NY
Edward Mabie, age 20
Fannie Mabie, age 11
Charles Mabie, age 10
Harry Mabie, age 10
Lewis Mabie, age 9
Livingston Mabie, age 8
Robert Mabie, age 8
Isabella Mabie, age 8
Ida Mabie, age 8
Pierre Mabie, age 6
Marie Mabie, age 6

Taken literally, this census enumeration clearly implied several multiple births, all occurring in the 1860s! Is that possible? About the time that we all decided that it was not possible, a remarkable entry was found in an old Galliard's Medical Journal. Under the heading *A Prolific Family*, and citing the *New England Medical Journal* as the source, the story relates that a memoranda had been found among the papers of the late Thomas Atwater of New Haven stating "Mrs. Mabie, No. 100 Twenty ninth street, New York, of the firm Topping & Co., has been married forty-eight months: July 24, 1858, had 1 child; July 30, 1859, had 2 children; March 29, 1860 had 2 children; March 4, 1861 had 3 children; and February 13, 1862 had 4 children, for a total of 12 children". And the memorandum noted that at that time, "all living and healthy."

So, this solved one mystery: the children shown in the 1870 census were indeed the result of several multiple births. But we were still left wondering about the two families.

Turning to the question of whether or not Peter Mabie had two concurrent wives and families, we can first note the information found in two Brooklyn birth registrations. These registrations, one from 1868 and the other from 1870, both list the parents as Peter Mabie and Mary Daly Mabie. So, from these registrations we know that the maiden name of the wife in San Francisco was Mary Daly.

Thanks to an analysis of Langley's San Francisco Directories, we were able to determine that Peter Mabie, auctioneer, first moved to San Francisco in 1875. This was reinforced by a voter registration which showed that Peter Mabie, from New York, first registered to vote in San Francisco on October 24, 1876. Not coincidentally, on November 9, 1875, a personal ad was run in the New York Herald seeking "the address of Rev. D. Ames who married Maria L. Braden to Peter Mabie, of New York." Furthermore, the obituary of Maria Louise Mabie, wife of Peter Mabie, ran in the September 17, 1888 New York Herald with the unusual post script "San Francisco papers please copy." Finally, from the Langley's San Francisco directories, we have Edward Payson Mabie, the son of Peter Mabie from his first marriage to Fanny, residing in the same household as Peter and working at the same firm as Peter starting in 1876. This is the same Edward who was residing with Peter and wife Maria Braden Mabie in the 1870 census. This demonstrates conclusively that there was only one Peter Mabie, auctioneer, and that he had two concurrent wives, Maria L. Braden Mabie,

who was born in and resided in New York all her life, and Mary Daly, who was born in London and moved to San Francisco with Peter in 1875.

It appears Peter lived his remaining years in San Francisco. He last appears in a directory in 1895, residing in the Alms House. Mary Daly Mabie was listed as a widow in the 1900 US Federal Census. Thanks to that census, we know that she had 8 children with Peter, 4 of who were deceased by 1900. The four who died before 1900 include: son Peter died in childhood in Brooklyn as did another unknown child; son Alfred H. Mabie died in 1888 at age 17 without issue; and son Julius Edmund died in 1890 at age 26 without issue. Son Walter C., who was residing with his mother in the 1900 census, died in 1906 at age 32 without issue. At the time of Mary's death on December 31, 1911, she had three surviving children. Daughter May and son Frank were named in her obituary in the San Francisco Call but strangely we have not been able to locate either of them in any census from 1900 on. Daughter Kate Rosalie, also named in Mary's obituary, married Edgar M. De Motte in 1889 and was divorced in 1902, dying in 1934 apparently without issue. Thus, as far as is known, Mary Daly Mabie had no grandchildren.

As stated above, Maria Louise Braden Mabie died in 1888 in Brooklyn. She was buried in Greenwood Cemetery with her eldest daughter, Louisa F. Underhill Duryea (who was listed incorrectly in the 1860 census as Maria L. Mabie.) As for her children, we have only been successful in identifying four as adults.

Sons Harry and Pierre both relocated to DeWitt County, Illinois. Harry married

first Elizabeth Armstrong, by whom he had a daughter, Maud Elizabeth Mabie who married William Herbert Van De Warker. After Elizabeth's death, Harry married second Claudia B. Foster with no further issue. Pierre married Grace M. Plummer and had no issue.

Daughter Isabella married Louis Strube in Brooklyn in 1883, and apparently had no issue.

Daughter Ida, one of the quadruplets, married George H. Marquis in Brooklyn and they had eight children. One descendant of Ida is our own Maybee Society member Tommy Shaughnessy (#260). Interestingly, Tommy recently made contact with a lady who is a descendant of Maud Elizabeth Mabie Van De Warker. The internet has truly made this a small world!

Headstone Marking Ceremony for Simon Mabee

On Saturday, October 29, 2011 a Headstone Marking Ceremony honoring Simon Mabee (1769 – 1842) was held at St. Mark's in the Bowery Episcopal Church where Simon was buried. The program featured a Presentation of the Colors by the Veteran Corps of Artillery, State of New York, a Welcome by Douglass M. (Tim) Mabee, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Martha Mabee. Letters from United States Congressman Paul Tonko, NYS Assemblyman, District 64, Sheldon Silver, and New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg were read, as was a Citation from NYS Senator Roy McDonald. The program culminated in the Dedication of the Marker followed by a prayer. Tim kindly provided some photographs of the event which can be found on the last two pages of this Communicator.

Coming Up Next

In at least the next two Communicators, the subject of our Research Update will be our family in the Revolutionary War. And I hope you like surprises and new information. In part, this is prompted by the fact that the *Library and Archives Canada* has recently put on line both an index for, and the images of, the Upper Canada Land Petitions. There are over 60 of these petitions for members of our family, and they contain, in some cases, new information which has not previously been addressed. When combined with the previously available petitions from New Brunswick, a more complete picture of the Loyalist members of our family is now possible. That's why we will start this subject with a new look at the Loyalists in our family.

To be completely balanced, after completing the Loyalists, we will turn to the Patriots. This research has been enhanced over the past few years by the good folks at *fold3* (previously *Footnote*) who have made Revolutionary War research so much easier.

Perhaps after those are finished, we can get to the War of 1812.

Obituaries

Margaret Willers Mabie, 1917-2012

Sallie was the wife of Hamilton Horth Mabie (deceased), Maybee Society Member 32, and mother of John Hamilton Mabie, member 288

Margaret (Sallie) Mabie, 94, formerly of Blacksburg, and a resident of Statesboro, Ga., since 1996, died in Statesboro on April 7, 2012, surrounded by her children. Born

Margaret Rogers Willers in Rochester, N.Y., in 1917, Sallie spent her childhood on her beloved Cayuga Lake and in Rochester. In 1938 she graduated from the University of Rochester with a degree in Economics. In 1941, she married Hamilton H. Mabie and moved to Ithaca, N.Y., where they made their home for 19 years. Hamilton was a professor at Cornell University and Sallie worked for many years at Ithaca High School before her children were born.

Enchanted by New Mexico after a one-year sabbatical from Cornell, they returned to Albuquerque in 1960. In 1964, they moved to Blacksburg where Hamilton was a professor of Mechanical Engineering at Virginia Tech until 1987. Throughout his life's work, Sallie assisted him as an editor and proofreader of his books and papers. In 1971, Sallie received her Master's Degree in Education from Virginia Tech.

Wherever she lived, Sallie was an active participant in the community. In Blacksburg, she served as a volunteer in many different capacities that ranged from Girl Scout leader to serving on the Planning Commission in the 1980s. One of her great passions was the local chapter of the League of Women Voters. She believed in responsible government and an educated citizenry.

In 1996 Sallie and her husband moved to Statesboro, Ga., where she became a caregiver to him until his death in 2000. After suffering a stroke in 2003, Sallie was lovingly cared for by her daughter, Janet, son-in-law, Dave, and their children, Greg and Jill. In 2008, she moved to an assisted-living facility. A loving mother to her three children and their spouses and a special grandmother to her six grandchildren, Sallie was the hub of

her family. She was also a good friend to many.

She is survived by her son, John Mabie, of Radford, Va.; her daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Dave Matthews, of Statesboro, Ga.; her daughter, Sara Mabie, and son-in-law, Sufian Alkhalidi, of Bowie, Md. She is survived by her six grandchildren, Laura Mabie Bishop and her husband, Stephen, of Radford, Jeffrey Mabie and Sarah Mabie, of Arlington, Va., Greg Matthews, of Statesboro, Jill Matthews, of Atlanta, and Sturm Mabie, of Washington, D.C.; as well as two great-grandchildren, Kellen and Juliana Bishop. She leaves her sister-in-law, Mary Willers, of Interlaken, N.Y.; her good friend, Olive Phelan, of Ithaca; her nieces, Carol Willers White, of Bainbridge Island, Wash., and Margaret Willers, of Los Angeles; her nephew, Diedrich Willers III, of Interlaken; and her cousin, Susan Burleigh Mullican, of Statesboro.

She is predeceased by her husband; her daughter-in-law, Sherry Saunders Mabie; and her brother, Diedrich Willers Jr. Services are at McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 10 a.m. A service of Celebration and Remembrance will follow at 11 a.m. conducted by the Rev. Glenn Tyndall. Published in Roanoke Times from April 12 to April 13, 2012

The 1940 Census

This is hot off the presses, as they used to say. The 1940 US Federal Census is now available (for browsing only) on-line at <http://1940census.archives.gov/> for your viewing pleasure. There is currently a very large volunteer effort underway to develop an index, but I suspect that it will be some time before it is available. However, if you know where to look, the browsing system as implemented is quite good. I was lucky

enough to know the street addresses in Philadelphia were my parents and grandparents resided in 1940, and I found all of them easily. But I also found my great grandfather on a fairly remote farm (I only knew the County where it was) and I also found Nancy's maternal grandparents (with her as yet unmarried mother) on a farm in the middle of nowhere in California. So now you know why this Communicator is a bit late.

Of course, when the index is completed, the Maybee Society will once again go through the census and extract all of the data and put it on-line with the rest.

And for our members with Canadian roots, Nancy is almost finished putting the 1881 Canadian Census (for all provinces) on my web site.

Dues

Please don't forget to pay your dues for 2012. Dues are \$5 per year if you select the e-mail version of the Communicator (in color!), and \$10 per year for the black and white, hard copy version sent via the U.S. Postal Service. Please note that no new orders for the hard copy version are being accepted. This is available only to longstanding members who have been receiving hard copies prior to 2011.

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A Special Thank You

You may recall from our previous edition, a request for donations to fund a painting of the Mabee Farm by the Schenectady County Historical Society (SCHS). I now have the honor of informing all of you that the goal has been met, and that the painting has been commissioned. I am personally proud of the fact that the entire amount of Mr. Tantillo's fee was met by donations from Mabie Family descendants. And from the SCHS, a big Thank You.

A Closing Note from Steve:

Retirement is GREAT. The only problem is that there is more that I want to do than there is time to do it. Nonetheless, we are now going to once again publish the Communicator quarterly.



L-R Sean Brunton; Robert Shapiro, Verteran Corps of Artillery of New York State; Gene Lefebeve, VCA; Sgt. at Arms; Jonathan Epstein, VCA; Douglass (Tim) Mabee, 3rd great grandson



L to R Douglass (Tim) Mabee; Martha W. Mabee, Douglass T. Mabee; Sean Brunton; Robert Shapiro, VCA; Gene Lefebeve, VCA; Adrian Mason (Tim's nephew); Jonathan Epstein, VCA; Rev. Winnie Varghese, St. Marks in the Bowery; Roger Walters, St Marks Historia, Gene, St. Marks member; David Peck, Mabee cousin.



L to R: Kristine Schlachter, daughter; Adrian Mason, nephew; Douglass (Tim) Mabee; Douglass T Mabee; Martha Mabee; Heather Mabee