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The President's Corner

While Steve is working on transcribing written documents of the 18th and 19th centuries, I have been plugged into pre-WWII America. The census of 1940 comes as the great depression is slowly abating (it does not completely go away until war draft conscription and war plant jobs gives full employment)

This census enumeration, gives the value of owned houses, employment status, jobs, and wages earned in 1939; it asks where the people lived in 1935, to track our mobile population; and it tells the educational level of the people. When the census records are finished being transcribed, we will put the results on our RootsWeb site, where you can look at your parents and grandparents

John MayBee, President

Research Update

By Steve Mabie
Vice-President

As was noted in the last issue of the Communicator, the *Library and Archives Canada* has recently put on line both an index for, and the images of, the Upper Canada Land Petitions. A careful search of the index reveals that there are in excess of 70 separate petitions for members of our family, all of which are accessible on-line.

Fifteen of the land petitions are for members of the family of Abraham Maybee (great grandson of Caspar through his eldest son Peter and Peter's second son Peter), born January 24, 1748 and baptized in the Tappan Reformed Church on February 21, 1748. From the various petitions, one can learn that Abraham was a Captain of the Associated Loyalists and that he arrived in Aldolphustown in 1784. This is consistent with the notice which appeared in the Pennsylvania Packet on July 1, 1783:

NOTICE TO LOYALISTS.

Those loyalists who have had a meeting at the house of Michael Grati, in the Out ward of this city, on the twentieth inst. and have signed their names to form a settlement at fort Frontinac, at the mouth of Lake Ontario, and head of the river St. Lawrence, in Canada, the only eligible place left by the late treaty, for the king's subjects to carry on the Indian and fur trade, &c. are hereby notified, that their request has been communicated to his excellency the commander in chief, by the gentlemen appointed for that purpose, and that his excellency was pleased to give them the encouragement they desired. A list of the names of those who may be inclined to settle in this new country, is opened at the house of said Mr. Grati, in Chatham street, near the tea water pump, Peter Ruttan, at the upper end of Chamber-street, and Abraham Maybe, near Deane's wharf.

New York. May 26. 1783.

Perhaps this explains why Abraham chose to relocate to Upper Canada, while his twin brother Isaac chose to go to Shelburn, Nova Scotia (before returning to New Jersey) and younger brother Caspar, who had served in the King's Orange Rangers, chose New Brunswick.

Back to Captain Abraham, the petitions also provide the names of four of his six children (Abraham, Peter, Jane and Robert McDowal), with Elizabeth and Isaac never submitting petitions. Finally, from the petition of grandson Abraham P. Maybee, we learn that Captain Abraham died "in or about 1833".

Seven of the petitions are for Lavinia Mabee, the widow of Frederick Mabee (grandson of Caspar through son Simon), and for 6 of their children. From these petitions one finds that Frederick and Lavinia moved first to Nova Scotia in 1783 and then on to Upper Canada in 1792 with 8 children, with Frederick dying in 1793. Sons Simon and Oliver and daughters Lydia Teeple (wife of Peter), Mary Secord (wife of David), Sarah Montross (wife of Silas) and Ann Stone (wife of John) all requested land as the children of a United Empire Loyalist.

Several of the petitions are for the family of John Mabee (great grandson of Caspar through son Jeremiah and his son Deliverance), baptized in the Tarrytown (Sleepy Hollow) Reformed Church on 8/30/1749. John was a Loyalist from Sussex County, NJ, presumably having served with Butler's Rangers. The petitions are for John and at least five members of his family: sons John, Abraham, Henry and Daniel and daughter Mary Masters (wife of Daniel). From these petitions we learn that John and his wife Catherine entered Canada in 1788 with 6

children. This in itself is interesting since the baptism records for three of John's children have been found in the Church Register of the Walpeck Congregation in Sussex County, NJ: Maria was baptized on 6/15/1775, John on 6/8/1777, and Abraham, who was born on 11/14/1779, was baptized on 8/25/1781. Furthermore, the baptism of a 4th child, Phebe, on 3/25/1787, is found in the Baptism records for the Methodist Episcopal Church of New York City.

Buried in an 1822 petition of Henry Mabee is the 1816 Last Will and Testament of his father, John Mabee. Based on this Will, we know that John was survived by his widow Katherine and that they had a total of nine children: Andrew, Elizabeth and Katherine, in addition to the six already mentioned. From an 1840 petition of son Daniel, we learn that Daniel served in the Glengary Light Infantry Fencibles during the War of 1812, that he was honorably discharged on March 24, 1815, that he was 23 at that time (thereby demonstrating that he was one of the three children born after the emigration to Canada), and that he stood 5 feet nine inches and had brown hair and blue eyes. Finally, from an 1846 petition for Daniel, we learn that he had 8 children, three sons and five daughters. Interestingly, thanks to previous research, we know the names of two of his three sons were Rhinard (12/17/1830) and William Henry and that Daniel's wife was Elizabeth Snyder. If anyone knows the names of the other children of Daniel, we would like to hear from you.

Next up are the petitions for the family of Lewis Mabee. Lewis was a son of Jan P. Mabee and Dorothea Pickert, and thus a great-grandson of Jan (b. 1654). Interestingly, Lewis was the only known Loyalist from this entire branch of the

Mabie Family. From the petitions, Lewis served as a Sergeant in Butler's Rangers. From a Return of persons associated with Butler's Rangers at Niagara dated 11/30/1783, the family consisted of Sergeant Lewis Mabee, age 44, his wife (Nancy Powell), age 43, a son John, age 14, and 4 daughters: Elisabeth (12), Dorothy (10), Catherine (8) and Mary (6).

From the petitions, we know that Dorothy married George Burger. Also that daughter Catherine married John Palmer, and then she died on May 12, 1796. According to her petition, Mary then married the same John Palmer.

There are three other petitions within this family group which are noteworthy. First there is a 1797 petition of Suffranus Mabee, in which he states that he had been in Canada since 1793 and that he was a nephew of Lewis Mabee. Suffranus, born 9/18/1774, was a son of Jacobus Mabee. Suffranus' petition proves thus that Lewis was a brother of Jacobus, a fact previously suspected but unproven. As far as is known, this is the first time that the significance of this petition has been identified.

Second, there are two petitions for Mary Rice and Nancy Beam, both of which were submitted in 1839. First of all, we know from the Last Will of John Mabee of the Township of Bertie (Lewis's son) written and proved in 1825 that Mary Rice and Nancy Beam were John's daughters and thus sisters. Yet Nancy's petition states that her deceased father had resided in the Township of Willoughby, while Mary's petition states that her deceased father had resided in Ernesttown. This has led to confusion among earlier researchers who did not have access to John's will, with the result that Mary Rice and Nancy Beam

were previously placed in the wrong households.

There are surprisingly few petitions for the descendants of Peter Maybee, grandson of Caspar through son Simon. We know from other documents that Peter had been married to Eleanor, and that he died in March 1777 while serving Burgoyne's Army. This is not to be confused with Peter Mabie, brother of Captain Abraham, who died while serving the British on Staten Island in December 1777. Based on returns of Loyalists at Sorel, Peter and Eleanor had a son and a daughter. We know the son's name was John from a later claim by Eleanor. But the name of the daughter had remained unknown ... until now. The petition of Susannah Mabey Davis of the County of Grenville was submitted in January 1793. In this petition, Susannah identified herself as the daughter of Peter Mabey, a loyalist during the Revolution. Thus, she must be the daughter of Peter and Eleanor – there is no other possibility.

The other petitions related to this family are (1) the 1801 petition of Barbara Hufnail Mabee, wife of Peter's son John; (2) the 1823 Petition of Peter Mabey, son of John; and (3) the 1833 petition of Nancy Hoffman Mabey, wife of John's son Emanuel.

Similarly, there are only a few petitions for the family of Silas Mabee, son of Simon and grandson of Caspar. Silas is known to have gone to New Brunswick after the Revolution, where he was enumerated with his wife, Priscilla and three daughters (Elizabeth, Anne and Sarah) on 6/11/1784. Silas then returned to Westchester County, NY where he was enumerated in both the 1790 and 1800 Federal Census. Based on these enumerations, Silas had a total of 4

sons born between 1784 and 1800, and two of them submitted petitions to gain title to land they had occupied for some time: Hugh in 1843 and Pinkney in 1840. Silas himself filed a petition in 1810, stating that he had come to Upper Canada from Nova Scotia 4 years earlier and that he had served in Col. Delancy's Regiment during the Revolution. In 1820, Silas was enumerated in the US Federal Census in Montgomery County, Ohio residing near his son Simon. The final petition in this group was filed in 1836 by Elsie Woodley Mabee, the wife of Pinkney's son Silas.

Finally, there was a complete surprise in an 1804 petition of Abraham Mabe. In this petition, Abraham states that he was from New Jersey, that he had served in the Loyal American Regiment, that he had been in Upper Canada for 7 years and prior to that he had been in Lower Canada (Quebec). Interestingly, much of this information can be corroborated from independent sources. First of all, a Muster Roll of Captain William Fowler's Company of the Loyal American Regiment dated 1/20/1783 includes the names Abraham and Cornelius Mabe. Next, from the records of Christ Church at William Henry (formerly Sorel) Lower Canada on June 21, 1795 there is the baptism of a son Jacob to parents Abraham and Jean Mabe. Then, from an article in The Rutland Herald of 3/28/1796 datelined William Henry Canada, on February 15th a man named Abraham Mabee was "committed on strong suspicion of the murder" of Henry Hogland.

Based on all of these facts, John and I have concluded that the most likely identity for this Abraham Mabe is that he was the son of Johannis Mabe and Phoebe Ferdon baptized on July 29, 1750 in the Tappan

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WILLIAM-HENRY, Feb. 17.

On the evening of the 15th, between the hours of five and seven, a most daring murder was committed on the body of Henry Hogland, a very inoffensive man, that lived alone in one of the king's barracks. It appears very clear, that some person well acquainted with the situation, entered unobserved, and knocked him down with an axe, that he expired immediately: The body was found (while warm, and the blood fresh) covered with a straw bed very near the stove, and his own axe in the room, bloody, and hair sticking to the head of it. All the deceased's trunks, boxes, &c. were thrown open, and every thing deranged in search of money, as is supposed.

The person who gave the information, Abraham Mabee, is committed on strong suspicion of the murder.

We are informed the deceased formerly belonged to New Jersey, and lived lately at Stillwater, New York.

Reformed Church, making him a great grandson of Caspar through his son Peter.

Coming Up Next

In the next Communicator, I hope to continue the theme of our family in the Revolutionary War in the Research Update. While this edition covered the settlement of Upper Canada, there remains New Brunswick, Lower Canada, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to cover.

I would like to thank the *Library and Archives Canada* for all of the documents they are making available on-line.

Obituaries

Elizabeth “Betty” Jean Mabie (MS #171)
October 3, 1915 – May 28, 2011

Rockford Register Star, Rockford, IL, 5 Jun 2011: Elizabeth "Betty" Jean Mabie, 95, of Rockford passed from this life into the arms of Jesus, her Lord and Savior, on Saturday, May 28, 2011, in Alden Nelson Debes Health Care Center. Born Oct. 3, 1915, in Rockford, the daughter of William and Hazel (Lawson) Kinney. She lived her whole life in Rockford, graduating from Rockford High School in 1933. She married Harland D. Mabie on Jan. 1, 1937; he died Oct. 17, 1962. Betty worked for the Board of Education for many years. She was a charter member of the Calvary Christian Church, where she taught Sunday school, and was a member of the Calvary Mission Guide. Elizabeth was devoted to her family and grandchildren. She will be greatly missed. She is survived by her children, Rebecca (Merrill) Davis of Truman, Minn., James (Juanita) Mabie of Joplin, Mo., Mark A. (Jill) Mabie of Kingwood, W. Va., and Annette (James) Ragan of Rockford; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sister, Barbara Kinney; sister-in-law, Emmi (Muecke) Kinney; and numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents; brothers, Robert and William Kinney; and sister, Isabel Crosby. Memorial service was held Saturday, June 11, in Calvary Christian Church, 5455 Charles St., with Pastor Steve Doyle officiating.

Luella (Mabie) Brodie (MS #159)
March 10, 1920 - April 28, 2012

South Valley – Luella Edith Brodie, 92, passed away Saturday, April 28, 2012 at home peacefully with her family by her side. She was born March 10, 1920 in South Valley, NY the daughter of Elmer Herbert Mabie and Mary Washington Shillito Mabie. She was married to Elliot Frances Brodie on Sept. 20, 1942 at the South Valley First Christian Church. She attended a one room school house in South Valley through 8th grade and then Cherry Valley Central School for 9th and 10th grade. She quit school in 10th grade to help her mom at home, who was pregnant. She was a full time homemaker and worked on the family farm. She worked various part time jobs including: mothers helper, making birthday and wedding cakes, pursemaker, glovemaker, housekeeping, and worked at Finmere (home for the retired pastors and missionaries) in Cooperstown. Her hobbies included genealogy, gardening, cooking and baking. She also enjoyed sending cards to encourage many people.

Survivors include her husband Elliot Brodie, children Frank Brodie of South Valley, Elliott (Linda Roberts) Brodie Jr. of Belleview, FL, Charles (Deborah Hoke) Brodie of South Valley, Mary Lou (David) Bach of Meadville, PA, Carol Brodie of South Valley, Barbara (Mickey) Kineke of Mohawk, Donna Lou (Steven) Hatch of McGraw, NY, 17 grandchildren: Jason (Cindy House) Brodie, Jeffrey (Amanda Hamblen) Brodie, Bryan Bach, Scott Bach, Amy Sue Bach (Craig) Dahl, Brett Bach, Jeremy (Melinda Fancher) Brodie, Adam (Susan West) Brodie, Rachel Brodie (Jonathan) Harvey, Jaime Brodie (Daniel) Cooper, Tony Brodie, Michael (Sara Horvath) Kineke, Kevin Kineke and Kayla

Conroy, Dillion Hatch, Jekara Hatch, 17 great grandchildren: Nicholis Brodie, Chase House, Beau and Blake Brodie, Justin, Devin, and Jonathan Bach, Alexa, Conner, and Adam Dahl, Jerred, Jaidon, and Karis Brodie, Cayden and Lexi Cooper, Addison and Liam Kineke and a sister Myra Webster of Cherry Valley and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents and her brothers: George, Herbert, Frank, and Frederick Mabie and granddaughter Brandy Ann Brodie.

Funeral services were held on May 2, at the First Christian Church, South Valley, NY. Burial followed in the South Valley Cemetery.

Suffrenus Mabee (MS #250)

Linn County Leader, May 02, 2012
Brookfield, Mo.: S.L. Mabee, 96, Brookfield, died Monday, April 30, 2012, at Pershing Memorial Hospital, Brookfield. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 5, 2012, at Wright-Baker-Hill Funeral Home, Brookfield, with Rev. Ron Routledge officiating. Burial was in Park Lawn Cemetery, Brookfield.

Suffrenus Loren was born February 16, 1916, in Unionville, son of Oscar and Martha (Earhart) Mabee. He married Reva Hudson on February 5, 1938. She preceded him in death July 3, 2009. Mr. Mabee was retired from APAC Construction Company. He was a 50-year member of Hartford, Missouri Masonic Lodge #171.

Survivors include his grandson and wife, Andrew and Laura Spidle, Overland Park, Kan.; one great-grandson, Grayson Spidle, Overland Park, Kan.; a son-in-law, Stanley Spidle, Brookfield; and nieces, nephews,

and other relatives. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Barbara Spidle; and two sisters, Beva Howe and Mary Miller.

Dues

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Who We Are:

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A Closing Note from Steve:

Nancy and I will be flying to Schenectady for a week on July 17th, visiting Kim and Gary and doing some research on our family. The next Communicator should be out in October.