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The President's Corner

I find that as I age, I am slowing down. Since I joined the Maybee Society in 1987, I have been working on our genealogy. After retiring in 1996, I would usually put in 5-6 hours a day on research and correspondence. Now I am finding it hard to do more than 1-2 hours work a day.

I feel that I must think about stepping down, but to do so the Society needs to identify one or two people who would volunteer to take up the duties as officers. Specifically we need someone to (1) manage the checking account; (2) oversee the Society's web site; and (3) periodically update the Master Genealogist data base. Steve has agreed to continue editing the Communicator and maintaining the membership data. If you'd like to help the Society remain in full operation, please contact Steve or myself. Thank you.

John MayBee, President

Research Update

By Steve Mabie
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In this issue of the Communicator, we complete the identification of the Mabie

Family Loyalists who removed to Canada after the Revolutionary War. In the previous issue, land petitions were used to identify those who settled in Upper Canada. For this article, a variety of sources were consulted to identify those in Lower Canada (Quebec), New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia. We omit the family of Frederick Mabee since it was discussed previously.

We start with Isaac Mabie, 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. Isaac was the twin brother of Abraham Maybee of Upper Canada, Captain of the Associated Loyalists. Isaac chose to go to Shelburn, Nova Scotia, where, on the 15th of June 1787, he and his wife, Sarah Post, baptized their first child, Jane (Records of the Parishes of Saint George and Saint Patrick, AKA Christ Church). By the fall of 1788, Isaac, Sarah and Jane had returned to New Jersey, where they baptized their son Abraham on October 19th.

Staying with the same family, we next address a younger brother of Abraham and Isaac, namely Caspar, who had served in

the King's Orange Rangers. Based on a New Brunswick Land Petition, Caspar, AKA Gasper and Jasper, settled in St. John County, after initially settling in Sunbury County on the Bay of Fundy and then in Kings County. In 1803/04, Casper lost 3 sons to drowning within a year. At the time of his death, reported on August 22, 1822, Caspar was residing in Fredericton, York County. Caspar has previously been identified as a son of Simon Mabee of Westchester County, NY, but a careful analysis of the probate documents of his father's estate (Peter P. Mabee of Harrington, NJ) have allowed this error to be corrected.

Next there is the interesting case of Peter Mabee, parents unknown. According to his claims, Peter lived in Courtlandt Manor when the War started. He was too young to serve then, but eventually joined the British on April 16, 1781, serving in Capt. Kipp's troop of Col. Delancey's Regiment and was promoted to Sergeant in May 1782. He left New York on June 5, 1783 and initially settled in Cumberland County, Nova Scotia on the South side of the Cobequid Road from Fort Cumberland to Fort Belcher.

By 1798, Peter had married the widowed Ann Packwood, nee Schurman, and moved to St. John's Island, P.E.I., where he was enumerated. By 1802, Peter and Ann had moved to Lower Canada (Quebec), settling on the Gaspé Peninsula, just to the east of Perce at Corner of the Beach (Coin du Banc).

Peter and Ann had at least three sons, Daniel, Philip and Edward. The family was known as ship builders, ship owners and Masters. Son Daniel built the schooner Swallow in 1813, and was her captain until he was lost at sea - perhaps killed by pirates in the West Indies.

The fact that Peter had lived in Courtlandt Manor strongly suggests that he was a grandson of Simon Mabee, son of Caspar. In the 1760s, there were exactly two lots there leased or owned by members of Mabee Family: one by Simon and one by his son John. The question that remains is which son of Simon fathered Peter.

Jacob Mabee, probably a son of Simon (in turn, a son of Caspar), was originally from Westchester County, where he was a baptism witness in 1754 for a son of his brother John Mabee. He married Mary Cotang and moved to Dutchess County. During the Revolution, he moved his family to Long Island, where his son Henry married Ann Van Cott on January 19, 1778. Henry and Ann had three sons, Jacob, Henry and Nicholas before Henry died on 11/20/1781 or 1784 (conflicting sources). Ann died in 1784 and sons Jacob and Nicholas remained in Oyster Bay, NY. There is no further trace of son Henry.

The names of Jacob Mabee and his son William appear on a document dated November 5, 1782 which lists the men who assisted the British in constructing Fort Golgotha in Huntington, NY. Jacob, his wife and sons William and Elias arrived in Saint John on the ship "Union" on April 16, 1783. Son Solomon arrived in St. John on the "Montague" with the July fleet of 1783.

Jacob, Mary and son William settled in St. Stephen, Charlotte County, New Brunswick. Many early family records are found there in the Records of the McColl Methodist Church. Jacob's wife Mary died on January 25, 1810 and Jacob was buried on February 23, 1816.

Solomon settled in Eastport, Maine, as an original grantee in 1788, where he died in

1829, age 68. He was one of the first (1802) Baptist deacons in Eastport. His wife Elizabeth died on April 29, 1809.

Elias Mabee and his wife Joanna joined his brother Solomon in Eastport before 1790. Elias died May 9, 1806, mentioning wife Joanna, son Jacob and daughters Betsy, Sally, Nancy, Lydia, Johanna and Mary in his will. Elias' wife Joanna died on November 22, 1814. The births of the children of Solomon and Elias are all recorded in the Town Records of Eastport Maine.

A Loyalist who happened to have been stationed as a soldier in Hempstead, NY, was a George Mabey, a member of the 17th Regiment of Light Dragoons. George settled on Prince Edward Island, not far from the lot occupied in 1798 by Peter Mabee (see above). Interestingly, despite this proximity both during and after the War to Loyalist members of the Mabee Family, George's family insist that he was no relation, that he was born in Dorsetshire, England in 1756 and dying in P.E.I. in 1847.

Another Loyalist who settled in New Brunswick was Jeremiah Mabee, yet another son of Simon Mabee (son of Caspar). Jeremiah was married to Judith Chadeayne. She is identified by her father's will (Will of Daniel Chadeayne of Yorktown, Westchester County, dated June 15, 1801 mentions Jude, the wife of Jeremiah Mabee).

On 11/25/1778, Jeremiah Mabee and Daniel Chadeayne, both of Cortlandt Manor, Westchester County, yeomen, appeared before the "Commissioners for Inquiring into Detecting and Defeating all Conspiracies in this State against the Liberties of America" in Poughkeepsie. After they "severally acknowledged

themselves to owe and be indebted unto the people of the said State in the sum of three hundred pounds" they were released on recognizance on the condition that Jeremiah Mabee "repair to the dwelling house of Symon Mabee in said Courtlandt Manor and on his arrival there not depart more than three miles from the said dwelling house." (Ancient Documents of Dutchess County, Case #5115)

On September 15, 1779, Judah Mabee and three children were among a number of Loyalist women and children given permission by the Patriots to "go within the Enemy's lines." No older male children "capable of bearing arms" were allowed to accompany them.

Jeremiah Mabee, his wife and 3 children, from Westchester County, were passengers on the "Mercury" arriving in Saint John with the October fleet in 1783. Jeremiah and his family settled in Kingston, Kings County, New Brunswick. Their eldest son, Gilbert, drowned in 1796. Jeremiah himself died on April 13, 1824 and in his will he mentions his 3 remaining children: Jeremiah, William and Catherine, wife of Jeremiah Drake.

One Loyalist about whom very little is actually known is a John Mabee who arrived in Nova Scotia at the same time as Peter Mabee (discussed above) so it is assumed that he was also from Westchester County. There is, however, no evidence at all of the relationship between John and Peter beyond the obvious that they must have been at least cousins of some sort.

Unlike Peter, John appears to have stayed in Nova Scotia, at least until 1818 or later. We know that his son Peter W. Mabee, died there on January 18, 1818, age 26, and he was buried in Old Methodist Cemetery,

Wallace, Cumberland County, Nova Scotia. We also know that a Mary Mabee married a John Henderson in 1818, and it is very likely that Mary was a daughter of John. According to Royal Mabee's research, John had perhaps 8 other children, several of whom are known to have moved to Upper Canada at a later date.

Some of you may have noticed that my research is primarily focused on the Mabie surname, regardless of spelling. While I seldom research in detail the female lines, I think it proper to include the family of Phoebe Mabee in this article on Loyalist families. It is unclear at this time who Phoebe's parents were. We know that she married Thomas Huestis, that they also settled in Nova Scotia, residing very close to the John Mabee discussed above, that Phoebe is buried in the Wallace Cemetery, and that her tombstone has been transcribed as saying she died July 10, 1811, age 54.

Phoebe was not a very common name in the Mabee family in the 1700s. We know that John Mabie (son of Peter, who in turn was a son of Caspar) was married to Phoebe Ferdon and that they had a daughter named Phoebe baptized on April 22, 1764. But that doesn't comport with the tombstone. We also know that Abraham Mabie, son of Caspar, had a daughter named Phoebe, but she was born in 1735 and she married Thomas Baxter. Phoebe Baxter's brother John had a daughter named Phoebe, but she was born much later. And that is the current state of the research.

In closing this article, I think it is appropriate to mention a few Loyalists who lost their lives during the Revolution. In the last issue, the family of Peter Mabee, son of Simon and husband of Eleanore, was discussed because they settled in Upper

Canada. But the fact remains that Peter died in service to the British in March 1777 while serving in Burgoyne's army. Then there is also the "other" Peter Mabie, brother of the Loyalist twins Abraham and Isaac, who was born on October 14, 1744 and who died on duty on Staten Island on Christmas day, 1777 while serving in the Company of Foot in his Majesty's 4th Battalion of New Jersey Volunteers.

Finally, there is the case of Simon Mabee, either a son or a grandson of Simon (son of Caspar) who was Court Martialed on April 11, 1777 for spying and who is believed to have been executed soon afterward. While on the subject of Simon the Spy, it's interesting to note that a woman named Mary Putnam testified at the trial and identified herself as Simon's sister. This is interesting because no one has identified her as a daughter or granddaughter of the elder Simon.

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 and the previous one covered the Loyalists, the next edition will discuss some of those who fought on the other side. For over 100 years, sources such as New York in the Revolution have been relied upon to identify the Patriot soldiers. The problem is that this consisted of Militia Rolls and not everyone who was assigned to a Militia unit actually served under arms. Now, however, several recent innovations have made it possible to identify at least some of the men who served and fought. Thanks to web sites like Fold-3 (previously Footnote) and Ancestry, we now have searchable access to hundreds of critical documents.

Obituaries

Dorothy Doherty Mabee, Widow of Floyd H. Mabee, MS#224:

Dorothy A. Mabee, 90, passed away Aug. 17, 2012 at Consulate Health Care after a long illness. She is predeceased by her husband, Floyd in 2003 and her son Harold in 2011. She is survived by her sister, Loretta Lawler of Rockaway, NJ; brother, Leon Doherty of Mobile, AL; daughter-in-law, Susan Mabee; grandson, Brian Mabee; her granddaughter, Deanna Glory and great-grandson, Matthew Glory. Dorothy lived in Dover, NJ before moving to Florida in 1980. She was an active member of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church and very involved in the Gulf Highlands Civic Assoc. She had many interests including traveling, cooking, baking. (Tampa Bay Times September 5, 2012)

Frederick James Mabee, Jr.:

Frederick James, Jr. "Fred" age 89, died peacefully on Friday, July 27, 2012 in Corona del Mar, CA where he had been a resident for the past year. Fred was born and raised in Waldwick and lived there his entire life before moving to Corona del Mar. He retired from N.J. Bell Telephone Co. following a distinguished 39 year career. Fred served during WWII in the United States Marine Corps, he was stationed in the Pacific, including landing on Okinawa. Fred was a skilled craftsman and over his lifetime built and worked on numerous homes in Bergen County. He was able to fix and repair anything and was always willing to do so for a long list of grateful family, friends and neighbors.

Surviving are his devoted children, Donna Peters and her husband Rick, Valerie Dryka and her husband Ron, Nadine Mulvey and her husband Tom, and Frederick J. Mabee and his wife Lisa. He is also survived by his brothers, Robert and Donald Mabee, his 14 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Fred was pre-deceased by his brothers John Edward Mabee and Ken Mabee and his sister Gloria Mabee Durkin. (The Record and Herald News, Hackensack, NJ, August 5, 2012)

William P. Mabee Jr.:

William P. Mabee Jr., 91, of Framingham, died on Tuesday October 2, 2012. Born in Boston, son of the late William P. and Dorothy (Hadley) Mabee, he was the husband of Irene E. (Ferragamo) Mabee, who died in February of 2008. He had been a resident of Framingham for over sixty years and served during World War II with the U. S. Coast Guard and participated in the Occupation of Yokohama, Japan. He was awarded several honorable discharge emblems and ribbons; including the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Ribbon (2 Bronze Stars), the American Area Campaign Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. He was employed at the Dennison Mfg. Company in Framingham for over 40 years, mostly in their Copier Division. A longtime member and Past Post Commander of the American Legion James J. McGrath Post #74 in Framingham and member of the V.F.W, he was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan. However, the greatest love and joy in his life were his grandchildren.

He is survived by 2 sons, William R. Mabee and his wife Joann of Natick, Ronald Ferragamo and his wife Andy of York

Beach, Maine; 1 brother, Reginald "Bud" Mabie of Marlborough; 3 grandchildren Cody and Justin Mabie and Troy Ferragamo and 1 great-grandson. He was brother of the late Newell Mabie and Dorothy Hadley Bonina. (MetroWest Daily News October 4, 2012)

George W. Mabee:

George W. Mabee, formerly of Mountain Home, Ark. and Green Lake, Wisc., passed away at the age of 90 on Aug. 20, 2012, at the Israel Family Hospice House in Ames, after a short illness. He was recently a resident at Bethany Life Communities in Story City. Born on Jan. 26, 1922, in Newark, N.J., he served in the Navy during World War II. He received a bachelor's degree from Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., and master's degree from Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.. At the time of his retirement in 1985, he was the Registrar of Ripon College, Ripon, Wisc.. He is survived by a daughter, Joan Aiton, Ames; and three sons, Paul, of Ripon, Wisc., David of Penfield, N.Y., and Mark of Austin, Texas; seven grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. His wife, Edna, of 51 years, passed away in 1994. (Ames Iowa Tribune August 24, 2012)

Dues

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A Closing Note from Steve:

Please consider John's request for volunteers seriously. Our only goal is to continue the dissemination of information about our family and to periodically sponsor reunions so that we can meet each other and keep in touch. This is all about our extended family. Your help in accomplishing this is urgently needed. With Nancy's help, I personally have every intention of continuing to edit and contribute to this newsletter as long as possible. Hopefully, a long time.

On another note, I have been asked recently when the Maybee Society will be sponsoring another **family reunion**. In part, that is up to all of you. How does July 2015 sound? In Schenectady? Does anyone have any other thoughts? Please let me know. For 2015, we'll have to start planning next year.