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The President's Corner

I bid you a fond farewell. In the next Communicator this corner will belong to Kim Mabee.

Kim is devoted to genealogy, and is past president and now a trustee of the Schenectady County Historical Society and past chair of the Mabee Farm Historic Site.

Anybody who has gone to a Maybee Society reunion will remember her as the spark plug that set up a program for us, and kept things moving. I know that she will prove to be an outstanding president.

Goodbye and God Bless all of you!

John MayBee

New Officers

It appears our search for new officers for the Maybee Society is drawing to a successful conclusion. At press time, it appears that Kim Mabee (#78) of Schenectady, NY, has agreed to take on the position of President and Ann Christmann (#312) of Houston, TX, has agreed to become the new treasurer. Steve will remain as Vice-President. These additions

will enable John to devote his genealogical time to research. We will have more on this in the next Communicator.

Research Update

By Steve Mabee
Vice-President

Before proceeding with a new subject, I must address an omission that was brought to my attention. In the last two issues of the Communicator, I attempted to identify the Mabee Family Loyalists who removed to Canada after the Revolutionary War, relying heavily on the Upper Canada Land Petitions. In doing so, I left out mention of one petition that is very important to genealogy. The 1797 Petition of Peter Montross mentions that he was married with 9 children, and that his wife's name was Leah, and that she was the daughter of the late Simon Mabee (U.E.L) and the sister of the late Frederick Mabee, that Frederick's widow was Lavenia Mabee and that his wife had another brother named Simon who was "a Captain in a Corps of American Loyalists who was hanged by the Rebels for his attachment and services." Thus, on one page, we have confirmation that Simon Mabee was the father of Leah

Montross, Frederick Mabee and Simon Mabee Jr., and that the younger Simon was indeed executed during the Revolution.

Now, on to a new but related subject: American Continentals in the Revolution. In the late 1800s, the State of New York endeavored to create a complete list of soldiers from New York who fought for independence. To perform this task, several diverse sources were examined, including extant muster rolls, lists of those taking (and refusing to take) an Oath of Allegiance to the new government, and lists of forfeiture. The results were then published in a book titled "New York in the Revolution" and this has become a major reference source for determining, among other things, eligibility for membership in organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). One problem with this in the Mabee Family is the simple fact that there were many Mabee men in the State of New York with the same first names. Names such as Abraham, John, Peter and Jacob appear with great frequency in virtually every branch of the family. Note also that the list does NOT include residents of New Jersey. Thus, the sons of Peter Mabee of Bergen County, NJ (including Loyalists Captain Abraham, his twin Isaac, Cornelius and Peter) were never included. The fact is that not everyone whose name appears in this book actually served under arms.

Thanks to genealogical web sites such as Fold3 (previously called Footnote), researchers can now search for and examine actual muster rolls and payment vouchers spanning periods of time to determine who actually served and where they were from.

The descendants of Jan Mabee (b. 1654) of Schenectady are very well documented. Of course, Jan and all three of his sons (Pieter, Jacob and Abraham) were deceased by 1776. However, Jan's grandsons were very active in the Revolution.

Captain Harmanus Mabee and his brother Petrus, sons of Jan's son Pieter, lived in Tryon County, NY and served in Col. Frederick Fisher's Regiment of Tryon County Militia. The Mohawk Valley was the scene of some of the worst fighting of the war and, as a result, Harmanus and Petrus responded to several alarms, with Harmanus remaining on duty virtually the entire War, albeit, always in the Militia. As a side note regarding the next generation, Harmanus' nephew Simon Mabee (son of John born 1728) married Col. Fisher's daughter Gazena. The Valley was especially dangerous during several raids led by Sir John Johnson, so Harmanus and Petrus evacuated their families back to the Mabee Farm outside of Schenectady for safe keeping.

Also in Tryon County, Jacobus Mabee, better known simply as Cobus, served in Captain Huber's Company of Col. Bellinger's Regiment of the Tryon County Militia. Cobus is somewhat famous in literature, with the story of his son John's death during a British raid mentioned in the 1936 novel *Drums Along the Mohawk*. Finishing up Tryon County, Joseph Mabee, brother of Cobus, and his son David Mabee served in Captain Jost Deygert's Company of Col. Samuel Clyde's Regiment of the Tryon County Militia. Cobus and Joseph are two of the sons of John Mabee, the illegitimate child of Pieter Mabee and Anna Peek. A third son, Lewis, was previously mentioned as the only Loyalist descendant of Jan Mabee.

Moving south to Schenectady, the sons of Jacob (namely Cornelius) and Abraham (namely Albert), as well as Peter's sons John and Arendt, all served extended deployments in Col. Abraham Wemple's Regiment. In addition, Jacob's grandson John Mabee Jr. (son of John) and Peter's grandson Peter (son of John) also both served in Wemple's Regiment.

Before moving on, there is one unidentified John Maybee whose name appears in a "Muster Roll of Captain John Winn's Company of Rangers raised in the County of Tryon and the State of New York." John Maybee was a private who enlisted in this unit on August 17, 1776. The muster roll was signed at Lake Otsego on September 25, 1776. Also enlisting on that date was George House. There is no other indication of who this John Maybee was.

Moving down the Hudson to Dutchess County, Tobias Maybee (Caspar – Jeremias – Jeremiah) first enlisted in Captain Joshua Myrick's Company of Rangers in late 1776. He continued in the Dutchess County Militia until the spring of 1778 when he enlisted for 9 months in the 4th New York Regiment under Col. Henry Livingston on May 4, 1778. He spent the first two months of this enlistment encamped with the Continental Army under Gen. George Washington at Valley Forge, distinguishing Tobias as the only family member to have served under Washington. Thereafter, Tobias appears to have continued serving as his name appears several times in various Revolutionary War Pension Requests as having served with the pensioners. In particular, he appears to have served for several months in the Mohawk Valley. After the war, Tobias resided in Dutchess County until approximately 1795 when he moved his

family to Upper Canada, in the same area as his cousin John Mabee.

A Muster Roll of Lt. Joseph Requa's Company in the First Regiment of New York under Col. William Malcom comencing September 1, 1780 includes the name Peter Maybee, private. Other names on this list such as John Penny help identify the men as being from that part of southern Dutchess County which became Putnam County. For clarity, this Peter (Caspar – Abraham) was the husband of Susanna Sunderland.

Pay records for Col. Samuel Drake's Regiment of Militia appear to consist largely, if not exclusively, of men from Westchester County. The only Mabee family member of these records was a Peter Mabee who was paid 12 shillings, 5 pence for a few days service on August 22, 1779. The location strongly suggests that this Peter was a son of Jeremias Mabee (son of Caspar) born in 1739. For clarity, this is the Peter married to Lena Brewer.

There are three mentions of men named Peter Mabee which remain unresolved. One set of Continental pay records include pay for "artificiers" working under the direction of General James Clinton for the construction of "Fort Constitution" on the Hudson River between August 1 and December 1, 1776. Peter Mabee was employed as a carpenter for 40 days, amounting to 11 pounds, 9 shillings. Another set lists a Certificate issued to Peter Mabee in the amount of 22 pounds, 4 shillings with interest of 5 pounds, 7 shillings and 7 pence was "left with the Treasurer." Finally, pay records for Col. Henry Ludington's Regiment of Militia include a voucher for Peter Mabee in the amount of 1 pound, 8 shilling and 8 pence. It is possible that these three records might

relate to the two men named Peter Mabie discussed above, or, alternately, one or more could be the Peter who was the eighth son of John Mabie (Caspar – Peter) and Phoebe Ferdon.

Continuing down the Hudson, pay records for members of Col. Hayes Regiment of Orange County Militia and those of Col. Gilbert Cooper's Regiment of the Orange County Militia, both raised primarily on the vicinity of Orangetown or Tappan appear to be intermixed making it impossible to separate the two at this time. However, in tandem, these two regiments clearly include the following names: Peter Mabie, Corporal; Abraham Mabie; John Mabie; Casparus Mabie; Yoast Mabie; Peter C. Mabie; John Peter Mabie; Cornelius Mabie; Jeremiah Mabie and Jasper Mabie. This list of names corresponds very well to the members of the Mabie Family, all descendants of Caspar, who are known to have lived in the area of Orange County which became Rockland County a few years later.

Not all of the members of the Mabie Family served the Continentals in New York.

A pay abstract of Captain Nathan Chapman's Company in Col. John Mead's Regiment of men from the State of Connecticut includes Caspar Mabey who served from December 27, 1777 through March 4, 1778 and was paid 5 Pounds, 7 shillings and 7 pence for his effort. Caspar was the 6th child of John Mabie (Caspar – Peter) and Phoebe Ferdon, and after the War, he moved westward, going first to Sussex County, NJ in the 1790s and then on to Ovid, in Seneca County, NY where he is found in the 1810 census.

But the strangest find of all is a Maybee who is definitely NOT a member of our family. An ad in Benjamin Franklin's *Pennsylvania Gazette* of November 28, 1754 reads: "Edward Maybe, English servant, age c. 22, runaway from Jacob Hugg, living in Gloucester Twp., Gloucester Co. (NJ)." This is followed by the May 28, 1758 marriage (from the records of St. Michaelis and Zion Congregation of Philadelphia) of Edward Maybe and Mary Lehman (witnesses: Johann Lehmann, wife Maria Magdalene, Francis Andrews and Reinhardt Uhle). Clearly, this Edward Maybee was from England and was not a descendant of either Jan Mabee (b. 1654) or his brother Caspar. The records clearly show that Edward Maybee enlisted in the New Jersey Line on January 16, 1777 for the duration of the war. He appears to have served out his enlistment and, like Tobias, is mentioned in several Pension Requests. Perhaps Edward was the father of the Hannah Maybee who was married in a Quaker ceremony in Philadelphia in the early 1800s.

Coming Up Next

In the next Communicator, I hope to begin discussing family members who served during the War of 1812, as well as the time periods immediate before and after that war.

A New Book Worth Having

Maybee Society Member Firth Haring Fabend (#348), the renowned author of several books about the New York Dutch, has written a new book. *New Netherland in a Nutshell, a Concise History of the Dutch Colony in North America*, is published by The New Netherland Institute, and is available from the Institute on-line, by mail

or by phone (518-473-0472). Online:
www.newnetherlandinstitute.org/shop

Mailing address:
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Albany, NY 12230

I would like to add a recommendation.
Thanks to Nancy, I received a copy of this
book as a Christmas present, and I found it
to be a very fine addition to my personal
library.

Obituaries

Martin B. Mabee, Maybee Society Member #218:

Martin B. Mabee, 97, of Lafayette, NJ, died
peacefully in his sleep on Friday, Oct. 19,
2012, at home.

Born in Lafayette, Mr. Mabee was a
lifelong resident of Lafayette. He was one
of five children of Frank A. and Anne
Crouse Mabee, born in 1914. His siblings
were Allen, Harold, Mary and Floyd
Mabee. Martin worked at Picatinny Arsenal
for 22 years before his retirement in 1972.
A member of the Lafayette Federated
Church, Mr. Mabee was a member of the
Lafayette Fire Department for 66 years and
a member of Kittatinny Lodge in
Branchville.

Mr. Mabee was pre-deceased by his eldest
daughter Clara, and is survived by his wife
of 76 years, Grace M. Mabee (nee Trieble);
his son, Dennis Mabee and wife, Susan, of
Cheshire, Conn.; his daughter, Lillian L.
Kinney and husband, Jim, of Newton; his
son-in-law, Ronnie Van Stone of Frankford
Township; nine grandchildren and 10
great-grandchildren. (Published in The
New Jersey Herald on October 22, 2012)

Larry Mabee, Maybee Society Member #141:

Larry Mabee, the son of legendary horse
breeders John and Betty Mabee of Golden
Eagle Farm, died Sunday at his home in
Rancho Santa Fe.

Mabee, 69, lost his battle with prostate
cancer. He died at his home with his family
at his side. Family members included his
wife, Christine Penrod and son, John, and
daughters, Laura and Melissa, and golden
retriever, Angel.

Mabee was part of a horse breeding
operation that once was the most
productive in California and one of the top
ones in the U.S.

At one time, Golden Eagle Farm had 800
racehorses on the Ramona property and
produced hundreds of stake winners. It has
been reduced to around 50 horses in recent
years. There is no word on what will
happen to Golden Eagle Farm, but
speculation is that it will remain operating
at its current capacity. (Published in The
North County Times, Escondido, CA, 17
Dec 2012)

A DNA Study

Lin Maybee Weinberg, who is not a
member of the Maybee Society, has written
to inform us of a DNA Study. Lin wrote:
“Have you ever wondered if a specific
someone was a branch of your family tree?
The surname Maybee has many spelling
variations. It can be confusing to know
which spelling is relevant to your lineage.
Perhaps you wonder EXACTLY, where in
the world does YOUR genetic ancestry
originate? Where in Europe, Asia, and
Africa did your ancestors live? Maybe you
want to know if you are at risk for a

particular disease, or maybe you wonder if your children are at risk? Today there is an epidemic of diabetes in the United States. Perhaps you wonder if you or a loved one is at risk of developing diabetes.”
“A company, 23andMe now offers a personal genome analysis. 23andMe is a DNA analysis service providing information and tools for individuals to learn about and explore their DNA. Best of all it is simple and painless.”

More information is available on the web site www.23andme.com and you may contact Lin at livinginpossibility@gmail.com

We Plan and the Gods Laugh

It appears the favored site for Maybee Society sponsored Family Reunions remains the Mabee Farm with its newly completed Franchere Education Center in Rotterdam Junction, NY. So, we will begin planning the next reunion for the month of July in 2015. That is two and a half years off, so plan to attend. We will attempt to coordinate scheduling with Barb Kineke of the annual South Valley reunion.

Dues

Many of you have kept up to date on your dues – Thank You. For those who haven’t, 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 Closing Note from Steve:

I wish to apologize for sending this Communicator out a few weeks late. A few minor illnesses were responsible, but nothing serious.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our out-going president, John MayBee, for all his years of service to our society. John has served as President, actively pursued his own research, and he has been a great help to mine. John will continue to maintain the web site and the family tree on Ancestry.com.