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The President's Corner

Dear Cousins,

Happy New Year, everyone!

How Do YOU Travel? If it's like us, we try to squeeze in a little education/history into every trip!

This past holiday season, we had an opportunity to go to New York City (my Aunt and cousin flew in to see a Broadway show, the Statue of Liberty and the Rockettes) and as we strolled around lower Manhattan we came to the intersection of Broad and Marketfield Streets, the exact location where Pieter Casparszen and Aechtje Jans lived over 350 years ago! It was so exciting to stand where the ancestors had trod! Gary and I let our minds wander, trying to get a picture in our heads of what it must have been like for them so long ago. Truthfully, my imagination is not that good, but it still gave me goose bumps. Steve has included a photo we took of 74 Broad Street.

After all this time, the lot is now occupied by a 6 story building with the street level being a deli and health food store. It could be worse, so this is not bad. It is a small building sandwiched between MUCH

larger ones. Marketfield is a narrow one way street while Broad, as its name connotes, is larger having in the old days been the site of a long gone canal. I loved the fact that when you look one way you could almost see Fraunces Tavern, the famous location of George Washington's farewell to his troops after the Revolution; and when you look the other way, you can see the NY stock exchange and the very first Federal building, over toward Wall Street. And after walking up to Wall Street and looking west, you can see the old Trinity Church and its cemetery. What a fun day! Till next time!

Kim Mabee, President

Research Update

By Steve Mabie
Vice-President

Over the past several issues, this column has presented the latest available research on the descendants of 4 sons of Caspar Mabie (b. 1660) and his wife, Lysbeth Schuermans, to wit: Peter, Jeremias, Abraham and Johannes. In this Issue the focus of Research Update is on their

remaining son(s), namely Simon and Frederick.

We know that Caspar and Lysbeth baptized a son on September 1, 1695 in the Reformed Dutch Church of New York. According to the church records, the child's name was Fredricx. There is no further evidence of the existence of a person by this name. There is, however, substantial evidence of an adult male named Simon Mabee starting in 1724 when he was listed as Freeholder of New Rochelle. So, it would seem we have 2 possibilities: (1) the record of the 1695 baptism could actually have been for Simon; and (2) Simon and Frederick are actually two distinct sons and the record of Simon's baptism has been lost. It should be noted that the baptism records of 3 of the 4 daughters of Caspar and Lysbeth have also been lost.

Regardless, my point in mentioning Frederick at all is that I believe it is possible that one or two of the children who are normally attributed to Simon were actually fathered by Frederick. But at present, this is a theory completely lacking in proof.

What we do know for certain is that Simon Mabee baptized two children in the French Church at New Rochelle in Westchester County, NY. This is the same church used by Caspar's sons Abraham and John and daughter Catherine, wife of Daniel Sicard.

On April 17, 1726, Simon Mabee and wife Marie baptized daughter Elizabeth (born March 23rd). Then, on August 6, 1732, Simon and Marie baptized a son, Daniel. These are the only two extant baptisms for children of Simon Mabee. And as luck would have it, there is no trace of either of these children as adults. Interestingly, I have found a copy of a letter written by

Grenville MacKenzie to George Maybee Martin (founder of the Maybee Society) in which MacKenzie claimed to have "a complete record of the children of Daniel and Frederick, sons of the Loyalist Simon, but nothing of the children of Simon's other sons." Apparently, Mr. MacKenzie was confused.

We know from historical documents, primarily rent rolls, that Simon Mabee moved to Cortlandt Manor in the later 1740s. And based on a 1778 document, we know that Jeremiah Mabee was placed on house arrest in Simon's care. Similarly, we know from a 1779 document that Silas Mabee was ordered to remain in his father's house on the Croton River. Thus, there is at least tangential evidence that Silas and Jeremiah were sons of Simon.

Then there is the 1797 Petition of Peter Montross in which he 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.

Then there is a 1760 Muster Roll of Captain An. Rogers's Company of Westchester County Militia, which lists the following names: Jeremiah Maybie, Frederick Maybie, John Maybie, William Maybie, Jacob Maybie, and Simon Maybie.

Next, there is the name Peter Maybee, husband of Eleanor whose widow's petition clearly states that Peter's father had given him land in Dutchess County as a wedding present in the early 1760s. Indeed, the name Peter Maybee appears on Dutchess County Tax Lists, corroborating this.

Finally, there is another apparent daughter of Simon, named Margaret. Margaret is listed as Simon's daughter by MacKenzie who has her married to Anthony Manuel. Mutrie, who I consider a much more reliable source, also lists Margaret but has her first married to Simon Griffin. I simply have never been able to find any supportive evidence that Margaret was Simon's daughter.

Thus, the list of children considered to be those of Simon Mabee, son of Caspar, appears to be complete: Elizabeth, Daniel, Jeremiah, Silas, Leah, Frederick, Simon Jr., William, Peter, Margaret, John and Jacob.

It should be noted that, according to the documents concerning the court marshal and hanging of Simon Jr., he also had a sister named Mary Putnam. But this has never been confirmed. It should also be noted that this list differs somewhat from the list of Simon's children in R. Robert Mutrie's book and in MacKenzie's *Families of the Colonial Manor of Phillipsburg*. Both Mutrie and MacKenzie list a son named Jasper or Caspar. Based on later research, this refers to the Loyalist Caspar Mabee, son of Peter of New Jersey, who removed to New Brunswick. Mutrie also lists a son Henry who is in reality a grandson of Simon's through Jacob.

Of the 12 children listed above, Elizabeth, William and Simon Jr. apparently had no children. Peter is known to have had one son (John Mabee) and one daughter (Susanna Mabee Davis) both of whom

resided in Upper Canada. The families of Leah Mabee Montross and Frederick Mabee are well documented in Upper Canada. Leah married Peter Montross and they had Levi, Margaret, Silas, Anderson, Phoebe, Simon, Frances, Hannah and Peter. Frederick married Lavinia Pelham and they had Elizabeth, Lydia, Mary, Ann, Oliver, Simon, Sarah, Frederick and Pelham.

The family of Jeremiah Mabee settled in New Brunswick and are also well documented. Jeremiah married Judith Chedayne and they had Gilbert, Catherine, Jeremiah and William.

The family of Silas Mabee was first recorded in 1784 at Passamaquoddy, New Brunswick, consisting of wife Priscilla and three daughters: Elizabeth (over 10) Anne and Sarah (both under 10). Silas is known to have returned to Westchester County before 1790 where he was enumerated with two young sons and 4 daughters. In 1800, Silas was enumerated with two more sons and one more daughter. Silas' daughter Anne may be the Anna Maybe who married Henry Banker on 12/20/1792. Three of Silas' sons were definitely named Pinkney, Simon and John. In the 1820 census, Silas, now living in Ohio, appears to have had another son and three daughters, perhaps by a second wife. Names of the other children remain unknown at this time.

Simon's son John is known to have married Susanna Coutent and they had a son named Jacob who was baptized in the New Rochelle Church on November 10, 1754. Witnesses to this baptism were his brother Jacob and Sophia Secord. They also had a son named John. The family moved to Dutchess County, where the elder John died circa 1770. During the Revolution, his sons relocated to the area near Warwick, Orange County, NY. Jacob was in the

Orange County Militia during the war, and settled there, marrying first a daughter of Augustine Rogers and second Mary DeKay. His brother John married Sarah Givens and moved a few miles across the border to Sussex County, NJ where they raised a family. It is quite probable that the elder John and wife Susanna had more than these two children, but the number and names remain unknown.

Simon's son Jacob is believed to have married Mary Cotang and they are known to have had at least 5 children: Henry, who married Anna Van Cott at Oyster Bay in 1778, Solomon, Elizabeth, Elias and William. Henry and Anna both died before 1783, leaving three sons who remained in Oyster Bay (Jacob, Nicholas and Henry). The rest of the clan removed to New Brunswick, with Solomon and Elias actually residing in Eastport, ME after the war.

This accounting leaves at least two probable grandsons of Simon unaccounted for: Peter and John Mabee. In 1784, Peter and John Mabee both settled in Cumberland County, Nova Scotia. They are identified in muster lists as Westchester County Loyalists. From a Loyalist claim, Peter was born in Westchester County, enlisted in Capt. Kipps' Dragoons in 1781 (because he was too young to enlist earlier). Peter moved first to Prince Edward Island, ultimately settling on the Gaspé Peninsula, Quebec. John, on the other hand, remained in Nova Scotia, with most of his children eventually moving on to Upper Canada. In Mutrie's book, they are identified as children of Jeremiah's son John. It is now known that this is an incorrect identification. Interestingly, both Peter and John had sons named Daniel, leading to speculation that they were sons of Simon's son Daniel.

This concludes the update of the male descendants of Caspar Mabie (b. 1660). We will now address the four daughters of Caspar Mabie and Lysbeth Schuermans.

As mentioned above, only one baptism for a daughter of Caspar and Lysbeth has been found to date, and even that contains errors. The baptism in question is from the Reformed Dutch Church of New York, dated June 30, 1692. As recorded, the baptism is for a child Christyntie, with the father's name listed as Frederick Symonszen and the mother's as Lysbeth Meby, with a witness named Frederick Suurmout. This is not a simple mis-transcription. This is actually the way the original record was written. Now, we know that the father of Lysbeth Schuermans Mabie was named Frederick Schuermans. And while there was one man in New York in the 1690s named Frederick Symonszen, he was at this time married to a lady named Lea Fonteyn. Regardless of this record, we have firm proof of the names of four daughters of Caspar and Lysbeth. Sophia Romeyn was the maternal aunt of Lysbeth, and in 1715, she wrote a Will in which she mentioned, by name, the four: Christyntie, Affie, Sophia (Feytie) and Catherine, in that order.

Eldest daughter Christyntie married Joost Zabriskie on November 1, 1712. They had 7 children: Magteltie, Casparus, Elizabeth, Feytie, Rachel, Antje and Albert.

Daughter Affie married Jan Martine before 1717. They had 6 children based on Jan's 1757 Will: John, Daniel, Jeremiah, Elizabeth, Affie and Anna,.

Daughter Sophia married Mathias Conklin on September 27, 1719 and they had 6 children based on Mathias' 1775 Will: Deliverance, Casparus, Abraham,

Elizabeth, Anna and Rachel. They also appear to have had a son Jacob and daughter Engeltie who pre-deceased Mathias and Sophia.

Finally, daughter Catherine married Daniel Secard before 1725. They apparently had 10 children, including Daniel, John, twins Peter and Rachel, James, Sophia, Marie, Sarah, Anne and possibly Margery. The baptisms of children 3 through 9 have all been verified in the records of the New Rochelle Church.

This concludes the update on the research of descendants of Caspar Mabie and Lysbeth Schuermans.

Hamilton Wright Mabie

Many thanks to Charles Boetsch (MS #359) for alerting us to the fact that a quote from Hamilton Wright Mabie was used as the basis for the comic strip *Mutts* on Christmas Eve:



A New “Maybe” Book

George W. Maybee (MS#116) has written a new book, *Three Wagons West*, a fictional story about his great grandfather, Charles Maybee. Following the Oregon Trail in 1877, Charles relocated his family from Kansas to Oregon. This is a sequel to an earlier book George wrote concerning Charles’ adventures during the California Gold Rush of the 1850s. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, (\$14 will

cover the cost of reproduction and shipping) get back to me and I will forward your response to George.

Obituaries

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of **Barbara Maybee Carter**, one of the founding members and the second Executive Secretary of the Maybee Society (from April 1999 to November 2009).

First, we have Barbara’s obituary which was published in *The Herald of Everett*, Washington, on Jan. 5, 2014:

On January 1, 2014, the six loving daughters of Barbara Maybee Carter are sad to announce the loss of their beloved mother. When Barbara was called to be with the Lord, she was surrounded by her loving family. Though born on February 6, 1932 in Idaho Falls, Idaho, she spent the majority of her life raising her family in the Seattle/Puget Sound area. Barbara leaves behind her sisters, Judy Bell, Deborah Larson, Delsa Daniels; brothers, John Maybee and Duane Stark; sister-in-law, Zina Maybee; daughters, Allyn (Bill) Hamblin, Loretta (Dan) Course, Valerie Waldean, Babette Cook, Leesa Brown and Markay (Dennis) Kern. She was also graced with 25 grandchildren, a slew of great grandchildren, as well as one great great grandchild. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Eric Maybee and Rita Maybee Stark; as well as her beloved sister, Belva Perry; brothers, Bill Maybee and Joe Stark. Though she has left us, she can rest assured that her sense of humor and love for life will live on through those she raised, guided throughout her life, and kept us, as always, Maybee strong. Burial at Evergreen Cemetery.

And now a eulogy from Barbara's brother John MayBee, Past-President of the Maybee Society:

Barbara Maybee Carter passed away in Everett, Washington on January 1, 2014; one month before her 82nd birthday

Barbara Jean Maybee was born on 6 February 1932 at Idaho Falls, Idaho. She was the daughter and first child of Eric Maybee and Rita Florence Millecam. Her parents lived in Wisdom, Montana, and caught a train to Idaho Falls to avail themselves of a hospital.

She grew up during the depression, with her family. As her father, a horseman, looked for work in the rocky mountain west to support them. By the start of World War II, they had settled in Butte, Montana, where Barbara graduated high school. In Butte she met and married Dean Ellis on 17 February 1951. They had four daughters, Allyn Jo, Loretta, Valerie, and Babette. Dean left the family and he and Barbara were divorced. On 11 July 1958 she married Walter Ellis Carter in Seattle and they had two more daughters, Leesa and Markay.

In 1986, she helped her sister, Belva Maybee Perry, start the Maybee Society, And, keeping a promise to her sister, took over the reins of the society after Belva passed away in 1999.

Editor's Note: It has come to our attention that we missed the following obituary from last January (2013). Our apologies to William Mabie (MS #203) son of the deceased:

Dr. Richard H. Mabie, 82 years old of Claremont passed away on Saturday,

January 26, 2013 following a more than decade-long battle with cancer.

Dr. Mabie was born on December 21, 1930 in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. It was at Marquette University that he met his beloved wife Kathleen. They were paired in biology lab by alphabet, her maiden name being McGowan. With his degree in medicine, hers in botany and a powerful faith in God, they married. Dr. Mabie enlisted in the United States Navy and he and Kathleen were stationed together in Sasebo, Japan where he served honorably and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Upon returning to the U.S. they chose California as their home in 1958. Dr. Mabie was blessed to join the pediatric practice of Dr. John Wilcox in 1961, and had the honor of working with the finest pediatricians in the region. Settling in Claremont, Dr. Mabie was a devout parishioner of Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church and actively served on the boards of Claremont Rotary, the local chapter of the Red Cross, the Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center Foundation and the Children's Advocacy Center. He received both communion and the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal from Pope John Paul II during the Papal visit to Los Angeles in 1987.

Together with wife Kathleen and members of their parish, he continued to serve by providing free pediatric care to immigrant families in the Pico-Union neighborhood of Los Angeles for which he was recognized by President Clinton. Only after 40 years of service to the children of Los Angeles County did Dr. Mabie retire. Though his service in pediatrics was extraordinary, it alone did not define him. With a quick wit, a warm smile and a competitive spirit he excelled at basketball, tennis, racquetball,

and golf. An avid hiker and naturalist, he led his family on camping and backpacking trips deep into the Sierra Nevada and throughout the west, returning home to develop and enlarge his own photographs. Dr. Mabie was an amazing father who, together with his wife, emphasized education and inspired all nine adult children to earn college degrees. His will was strong, his commitment deep, his example profound. He led a life of purpose and meaning as a pediatrician, as a father, a husband and a friend.

Dr. Mabie is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Kathleen Marie Mabie, their children and their spouses, Thomas (Rhonda Heth), Laura (Keith Serxner), Ken (Patti), Ann (Frank DeRuyter), Mary (Bill Platt), Peter (Gwen), William (Denise Mendoza), and Michael (Nora); 16 grandchildren, Margaret, Claire, Joseph, Jason, Melissa, Lauren, Julia, Thomas Jr., Michael, Kathleen, Grace, Emily, John, Roy, Sarah and Daniel; and two great grandchildren Olivia and Thomas. He was preceded in passing by his beloved daughter Jane (Lori Kizzia) and son James Andrew.

2015 Maybee Society Reunion

The next Maybee Society sponsored family reunion will be held at the Mabee Farm in Rotterdam Junction, NY in July 2015.

Back Page Photo

The photo on the back page is of the present day building located at 74 Broad Street, New York City. It is on the corner of Broad and Marketfield Streets, which happens to be the location of the house of our forefather, Peter Casparszen van

Norden according to the 1660 map of New Amsterdam. Photo courtesy of Kim Mabee.

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. All dues should be sent to our Treasurer, Ann Christmann. Checks should be made payable to Ann, NOT to the Maybee Society.

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