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The President's Corner

Dear Cousins,

It is a sad time for us. Later in the newsletter, you will read about Mary Maybee's passing. She was a very special lady, and married to our Past President Jack Maybee for 56 years before he passed away in 2007. Together, they did years of research and work on the Maybee family genealogy. Gary and I got to meet them back about 1990 when I found their name and contact info at the Schenectady County Historical Society where I had gone to look up something. I called them because the paper said they lived in near by Guilderland. We talked, and then we invited them over for a picnic, at the same time introducing them to Gary's parents, who were also John Mabees. Apparently, they had been having their identities mixed up for years, but had never met! It was serendipity for me.

Jack and Mary taught me a lot about "real" genealogy research. They gave me their encouragement, insight, and support, and introduced me to the Maybee Society, leading us to today.

Kim Mabee, President

I would like to join Kim in remembering both Jack and Mary, two people who had a significant impact on my growth as a genealogist. I had "met" Jack via the internet in 1997, having emailed him because he was the President of something called the Maybee Society. We quickly developed a long distance friendship, leading to my attending the 2000 Maybee Society Family Reunion at the Mabee Farm. I flew in a few days early, and Jack and Mary insisted that I come to dinner at their house, where they introduced me to another pair of Schenectadians, Kim and Gary Mabee. Mary had the ability to make one feel immediately at home, treating me as a member of her family.

As we sat there, we realized that we were each descended from a different son of Jan Mabee: Jack from Abraham, Gary from Jacob, and I from Peter. The next day, Jack took me on a tour of area cemeteries, literally stumbling across the tombstone of Alida Toll Mabee, wife of John Mabee, my 4th great grandparents. Meeting Jack and Mary on that trip to the reunion changed my life.

Steve Mabee, Vice-President

Research Update

By Steve Mabie
Vice-President

In this edition, we conclude the Family of Jan P. Mabee and Anna Borsboom with an updating of the descendants of their eldest son, Pieter.

Pieter was baptized in the Albany Reformed Dutch Church on January 20, 1686.

Pieter didn't marry until November 12, 1721 when he wed Susanna Vedder in the Schenectady Reformed Dutch Church. Both were described as from "Woestyne" or the Wilderness, the name given by the Dutch to the area where the Mabee Farm is located. This is a reminder that for decades Jan Mabee and his family literally lived on the edge of civilization.

Prior to his marriage, Pieter's name appears in the 1715 Muster Roll for the 2nd Foot Company of Schenectady, along with his younger brothers Jacob and Abraham. Pieter was also a sponsor or witness at the baptisms of his nephew Johannes Bradt in 1717 and his niece Anna Van Antwerpen in 1718.

Pieter and Susanna had a total of 10 children. (Sometimes it seems like everybody had 10 children back then, doesn't it?)

1. Anna, baptized at Schenectady on October 26, 1722, married Abraham Van Antwerpen August 21, 1742 at Schenectady. Abraham and Anna baptized 10 children: Johannes (died young), Susanna (died young), Susanna (died young), Johannes (died young), Johannes, Susanna, Pieter, Anna, Maria and Sarah.
2. Sarah, born February 21, 1725 and baptized at Schenectady March 21 of that year, married Abraham Yates April 8, 1749 at Schenectady. Abraham and Sarah baptized 7 children: Robert, Petrus, Abraham (died young), Maria (died young), Maria (died young), Abraham and Maria.
3. Johannes, born January 10, 1728, baptized at Schenectady January 19th, married Alida Toll on December 13, 1755 at Schenectady. Johannes and Alida baptized 5 children: Susanna, Simon (died young), Peter, Hester and Simon.
4. Arent, baptized at Schenectady in 1729 (date unknown), married Sarah Swart on December 22, 1764 at Schenectady. Arent and Sarah baptized 3 children: Peter, Josias and Susanna.
5. Margaret, born March 19, 1733, baptized at Schenectady April 15th, died young.
6. Margaret, baptized at Schenectady October 13, 1734, married Johannes Reyerse Wimpel on November 22, 1757. No children are known to have been baptized.
7. Harmanus, baptized at Schenectady October 9, 1737, married Susanna Wimpel on January 8, 1761 at Schenectady. Harmanus was a Captain in the Tryon County Militia during the Revolution. Based on his will, he and Susanna had 6 children: Peter, Deborah, Margaret, Susanna, Ryer and Catherine.

8. Maria, baptized at Schenectady April 13, 1740, no record of her as an adult.
9. Petrus, baptized at Schenectady November 11, 1742, married Alida Peek July 11, 1767 at Schenectady. Petrus died in 1781 from injuries suffered during the Revolution. He and Alida had Harmanus, Peter, Susanna, Sarah and, after Petrus had died, Maria. His widow Alida married second Peter Van Alstine.
10. Rebecca, baptized at Schenectady October 6, 1745, married Simon Van Antwerpen before 1767. Simon and Rebecca baptized 9 children: Margaret, Susanna, Petrus, Johannes, Abraham (died young), Anna, Cornelia, Abraham and Sarah.

But this is not the complete list of descendants of Pieter J. Mabee. As proved by research within the last 20 years, before marrying Susanna, Pieter had an illegitimate child, Jan, with a young girl named Anna Peek. This child was baptized at Schenectady in 1708 and as an adult he used the name Jan Pieterse Mabee. In 1712, Anna Peek married Joseph Clement and they raised her child Jan, along with their own children, including their son Lewis. In the late 1720s, the young Jan Pieterse Mabee married Dorothy Pickert, a daughter of Bartholomew Pickert and Eva Clausen. Jan Pieterse and Dorothy Mabee had at least 5 children: Eva and Jacobus (also known as Cobus), both of whom were baptized at Schenectady, and Joseph, Bartholomew and Lewis. Lewis, the youngest, was the only known descendant of Jan Mabee and Anna Borsboom to have been a Loyalist during the Revolution. He was a sergeant in Butler's Rangers and,

with his uncle, Lewis Clement, removed to Niagara after the Treaty of Paris ended the War.

Historic Recognition in NJ

My name is Marie Lyn Mabee Burt. Dennis Mabee, whom you have communicated with previously, is my first cousin. He sends me the Communicator, which I find interesting.

I would like to inform you of a recent event for your information. On May 17, 2014 Lafayette, New Jersey's historic district was officially placed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The home, previously owned by my paternal grandparents, Frank Mabee and Anna Dorcus Couse Mabee Coburn, was included in this historic district. It was recently restored by the Lafayette Center Preservation Foundation and opened to the public. The home, known as the Ludlum-Mabee House was built in 1835 by Joseph Northrup, a miller by trade. After Northrup's death in 1845, his mother-in-law, who was a Ludlum, lived in the house. In 1863 the estate was sold to John Linn, a successful doctor in the county. The Mabee family, who were known as successful farmers in the county, bought the property around 1900. Frank Mabee, my grandfather, who worked as a rural mail carrier during the day and a farmer in the afternoon, had five children. The children were Allen Couse Mabee, Sr. (my Dad), Harold Mabee, Martin Mabee, (Dennis Mabee's Dad), Mary Mabee Bowman, and Floyd H. Mabee. Grace Mabee (Dennis Mabee's Mom), now 98 years old, lived in the house during the 1940s and cut the ribbon officially opening the house to the public.

My brother, Allen Couse Mabee, Jr. was born in this home on November 29, 1932. Allen passed away in January of 2012. I, too, was born in this historic home on February 2, 1934.

I'm submitting this information to you in the hope you may find it interesting. Thank you for all the time and effort you give to preserving the Mabees' legacy.

(signed) Marie Lyn Mabee Burt

Obituaries

Mary E. Maybee

Mary Ellen Maybee 83, of Dunedin, Florida, passed away on Friday, August 29, 2014. She was born Nov 9, 1930 daughter of Charles and M. Thelma Martin McCrea in Ogdensburg, New York. In Sept. 1951 she married John (Jack) Maybee of Canton, NY. They resided in Guilderland, NY until 2005 when they became permanent residents of Dunedin after having been "snowbirds" since 1989. Jack predeceased her in 2007.

Mary was a member of St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic Church in Guilderland for forty years where she was involved in a number of activities for both the church and the school. In 1964 she joined Guilderland Garden Club and became president in 1965 and is still a member. Since then she progressed into office in the club and in Federated Garden Clubs of NYS, Inc. As Albany County District Director, President of FGCNYS, Board member of Central Atlantic Region and has served on the Executive Board of National Garden Clubs, Inc. For sixteen years. Since moving to Florida, she is an active member of Bay Bouquet Garden Club of Dunedin having

served as president several times.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Lisa; a granddaughter, Michaela all of Guilderland, NY ; a sister, Margaret A. Lachine Anaheim, CA, two sisters-in-law Helen (Joseph) Randi and Barbara Gaines of Canton, NY. and many nieces and nephews.

DeForest J. "Jack" Mabie

DeForest James "Jack" Mabie, of Gilbert Avenue, Fort Plain died peacefully on Sunday, September 7, 2014 at Little Falls Hospital. Born in Westford, NY on August 5, 1935 he was the youngest of 12 children born to Arba and Flora Kniffen Mabie. He was 79.

Jack grew up in South Valley moving to Altamont, NY. In 1955 he was a graduate of Guilderland High School. He then enlisted with the United States Navy and served proudly for four years. Jack worked briefly for General Electric before going to work for Beech- Nut in Canajoharie as a machinist. He retired in 1999 after 28 years of service. He was of the Protestant faith and was a 10 year member of the Canajoharie Volunteer Fire Department.

He was predeceased by his 11 siblings, Gifford, Ruth, Florence, Anita, Robert, Earl, Clara, Gerald, William, Betty and Donald.

Survivors include his best friend and wife, Aileen Fredericks Hayman Mabie; two step daughters, Dawn Hayman of Clinton, NY and Janice Hayman of Mohegan Lake, NY; two sisters in law, Gloria "Debbie" Mabie of Syracuse, NY and Marietta Mabie of Florida; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Private burial with military honors

took place in the Fort Plain Cemetery.

Roderick McLeod Maybee III, son of Roderick McLeod, Jr MS#18

Roderick McLeod "PeePaw" Maybee III. Our loving husband and father Roderick McLeod Maybee, III passed away Monday September 1 at the age of 65. A long-time resident of Seabrook, Texas, he recently moved to Baton Rouge. Rod was devoted to his family, friends and church. Together with his wife Kathleen they raised four children. Born to Roderick and Ruby Maybee on December 27, 1948, he is survived by his wife of 28 years Kathleen Maybee, his father Roderick Maybee, his daughter Wendy Murillo and husband Alberto, his son Jimmy Allred and wife Connie, his daughter Heather Robinson and husband Mike, his son Roddy Maybee and wife Lesli, his brother Miles Maybee, his six grandchildren, Cole, Kayla, Lilli, Lucas, Reese and Ruby and a host of loving family members. He was preceded in death by his mother Ruby Maybee. Rod worked for Shell Oil Co. in various positions in purchasing for 23 years and he retired from FMC Technology. He has enjoyed his time of retirement with his loving wife by touring the U.S. in their motorhome and traveling abroad. Rod also enjoyed music, LSU football and spending time with his family and friends.

Photos taken by Bob Kaufman of Buffalo, NY

I was recently notified of a cache of old photographs that has been found in Buffalo, NY. The photographer was named Bob Kaufman, and his photograph file was turned over to a local historical society. Included are pictures of Barb Mabie (born 4-23-1936 in Hamburg d/o Grace and William Edwin Mabie). These photos were

taken August 1959 by local photographer Bob Kaufman. If anyone is interested in these photos please contact the Maybee Society.

Summer's Over

We know the summer's over when we wake up in South Texas and the temperature is in the 50s. Nancy and I survived our drive-cation this summer, and I'm happy to report that our marriage also survived (43 years this December). A highlight of our trip was a two night stay at Barn-A-New, the wonderful bed and breakfast owned and operated by Allan and Cher Maybee in Mitchell, Nebraska. We thoroughly enjoyed our time in the Scotts Bluff area, and I would encourage anyone considering a visit to do so. But not during next summer's reunion!

Kim and Gary also enjoyed a summer drive-cation. We'll have full reports on both trips in our next Communicator.

2015 Maybee Society Reunion Date and Featured Speaker Set!

The next Maybee Society sponsored family reunion will be held at the Mabee Farm in Rotterdam Junction, NY on July 11, 2015. This time, our Maybee Society reunion will be held in conjunction with the annual reunion held by the descendants of William and Sophia Mabie. The reunion is planned to run from 11 AM to 5 PM, with a lunch served at 12:30. **Our featured Guest Speaker will be the artist, Len Tantillo.**

We are planning a special reunion feature for the April 2015 Communicator which will provide information on various historical and family related sites that you

can visit while in Schenectady. We are also working on possibly obtaining discounted rates at a Schenectady hotel. More news to come in future Communicators.

Start planning now to attend this memorable event!

How to Order a Print of Len Tantilto's Painting of the Mabee Farm

For those of you who are interested in purchasing a print of Len Tantilto's beautiful painting of the Jan Mabee Farm, as it was in 1800, the best way to contact Len is through his web site:

http://www.lftantillo.com/shop/19th-Century/Mabee-Farm/prod_2755.html

The print shown on this page is priced at \$170, but pricing of all options is available by emailing Len at this address:

copperkeel@aol.com

Congratulations!

Philip Walt JOHNSON married 15 August 2014, in Wellington, ON, to Laura Heather BLAKE

Philip is the son of Angela & Peter JOHNSON, #11 in the Maybee Society. Philip is a double descendant of Capt. Abraham MAYBEE UE.

Does anyone else have a birth or marriage that you would like to share?

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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