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The President's Corner

Dear Cousins,

As I sit here thinking about this coming summer, if it ever gets here, and helping to plan two more family reunions and a wedding, I get a little overwhelmed. I much prefer to think about the history of our family, hiding in the basement with my laptop!

Perhaps some of you feel the same? The family reunions are first, my mother's side, which originated in New France/Canada, back to their founders with Samuel de Champlain, the Heberts & Coulliards etc.; second is the Truax on the 5-7th of August in Albany, in case any of you have them also as an ancestor, as Gary does, 21 times! It makes me laugh to say he is probably more Truax than Mabee! Of course he just looks at me cross eyed!

I loved that the last Communicator in which Steve wrote about his research of the "Maybee" daughters. Yeah, women's lib! We are getting close to the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the Constitutional Amendment giving women the right to vote.

I think what prompted him was a piece we found of famous people that are also descendants of Pieter Casparszen via the women. Have you ever played that game in your research? It can be fun, for instance, I have found that Gary is a cousin to Benjamin Franklin, and several US presidents, as I am sure many of you are also! I also found that I am cousins with William Shakespeare! Lots of fun to talk about at parties! I have learned to try NOT to bore people. Just because my finds are interesting to me, does not make them interesting to everyone! Please

let us know who YOU might be related to!

Have a great summer,
Kim

Research Update

By Steve Mabie
Vice-President

Following up on Kim's column, I will first address all of my famous ancestors or cousins. Oh well, it seems that I must be the only Mabie descendant in America that has no famous relations! The closest that any of my ancestors comes would be my grandfather, Walter C. Mabie, who in 1928 was elected the national Commander-In-Chief of the Sons of the Veterans of the Civil War.

My Mabie line is easy to follow: I am descended from the eldest male who survived childhood in every generation. Starting with Pieter Casparszen, this line goes Jan, Pieter, John, Peter, John Peter, John Peter Jr., Walter C., Walter W. and then me. Nine generations, and only three Christian names.

An Update to the Last Edition

Speaking of famous (or perhaps infamous) ancestors and cousins, I neglected to mention one significant descendant of Engeltje Mabie Mol.

This refers to our current Secretary of State John F. Kerry, a former Senator and, in 2004, the Democrat nominee for President of the United States. According William Addams Reitwiesner, in a document titled "The Ancestors of Senator John Forbes Kerry (b. 1943)" as found on the web site <http://www.wargs.com/political/kerry.html>,

one of Kerry's great-great-great-great-great-grandmothers was Elizabeth Drummy, born 1713, died May 27, 1811. According to Reitwiesner, Elizabeth was the daughter of Maria Mol and her second husband John Drummeney.

A New Lineage Society!

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! To all members of the Maybee Society who are descendants of Pieter Casparszen! One of the few known historical family facts is that, on May 4, 1654, Pieter, along with Barent Jacobsen Cool, was provisionally chosen, appointed and accepted for one year as Wine and Beer Carriers for New Amsterdam.

Thus, it has been proposed by Jon von Briesen (MS#213), that the descendants of Pieter Casparszen and Barent Jacobsen Cool join together in forming a new lineage society, Descendants of Licensed Wine & Beer Carriers of Nieuw Amsterdam.

This new organization is distinguished from other lineage societies in that (1) there are no annual dues and (2) the initiation rite consists of simply enjoying a glass of your favorite wine or beer (grape juice for those who abstain).

Hearing no objections, the motion is passed.

Did William Huff Maybee Marry A Second Time?

By Peter W. Johnson UE

William Huff Maybee was born about 1801 and almost certainly in Prince Edward County, Ontario Canada. His parents were Peter Maybee and Catherine Huff and a few years later the family relocated to Murray Township, Northumberland County

where they remained. William's grandfather was Loyalist Capt. Abraham Maybee UE.

William was a sawyer by trade and involved in a sawmill which once stood by Cold Creek due west of Frankford, ON. William and Julie had a large family, but tragedy struck when Julie died from typhoid fever in 1870.

At this point we are introduced to Barbara (Cane)(Leroy) Maybee 1819-1885. Barbara was born in Ireland, married John Leroy born c1795 and died 1861/1870 and they had at least one son. In the 1871 Census Barbara appears as Barbara Leroy and a widow. A decade later in 1881 she is listed as Barbara Maybee, widow and living with her son George Leroy and his wife Sarah (Cronk).

According to the Anglican Church Records, Barbara was buried Feb. 24, 1885 at what is essentially a 'lost' Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery in Frankford ON. The Anglican Burial Register identifies her as "Barbara Maybee widow of Wm Maybee". Oddly enough the Civil Death Registration identifies her as Barbara Leroy rather than Maybee, although it is clear from the 1881 Census and the Anglican Records that she was widow Maybee when she died.

Civil Registration in Ontario began in 1869. If there was a second marriage here, there should be a registration for it, but none has been located, but such registrations were a bit hit and miss in the early years. What we know is that William was widowed in November 1870 and Barbara appears as a widow in 1871. They could have married as early as 1871. William died in Jan 1881 so he does not appear in 1881 Census which might have shown him with Barbara otherwise. She

appears as widow Maybee. There are only so many William Maybees around at the time and this William was of the right age to be Barbara's husband. Although there is no definitive proof, I think there is a strong possibility that widower William Huff Maybee married widow Barbara Leroy in the 1870s.

Selected Sources:

- *Anglican Diocese Of Ontario Archives, Kingston.* "Trenton. 2-T-3" Barbara's Burial 1885.
- *Murray Township Northumberland Co ON Census 1871.* Maybees. C-9985 p27
- *Schedule of Deaths. Murray Township. Northumberland Co ON.* MS935 Reel 28 #012832 (William 1881)
- *Schedule of Deaths. Trenton. Hastings Co ON.* MS935 Reel 40 #006645 (Barbara 1885)
- *Trenton. Hastings Co ON Census. 1881.* C-13238 p 6 (Barbara Maybee widow)

Worth Remembering

The following was submitted by George Maybee (MS#116) for your enjoyment. It is a quote by our cousin, the author Hamilton Wright Mabie from his book "*The Life of the Spirit*", published in 1898 and 1899 by The Outlook Company and again in 1899 and 1900 by Dodd, Mead and Company:

"A Scotch Highlander, old, worn, and poor, was in the habit of going every morning a little distance from his cottage and standing there, unbonneted, for a few minutes. When asked one day by a friend, who came upon him and waited until he had covered his head and turned his eyes away from the hills, if he were saying his prayers, he replied, with a rare smile: "I have come here every morning for years and taken off my bonnet to the beauty of the world." It was an untaught man's expression of that

deep poetry which runs through the Celtic race like a vein of gold; and it was also a primitive act of worship. The splendour of God on the face of the earth is always to be seen reverently and adoringly; and only they attain the true spirit of worship to whom the silent aisles of the woods are as sacred as the pillared aisles of the church, and the autumnal glory shining on the hills as much a symbol of the presence of God as the altar fragrant with the breath of flowers and beautiful with the light of painted windows or of shining tapers. For the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof, though we are slow to learn and swift to forget."

Mortuary Matters Mixed

The following article was sent in by Wil Mabee (MS#195) about a sad incident concerning his great-grandmother, Mary H. Berry, who had married Robert Eden Mabee. This article originally appeared in the Warwick Advertiser of September 19, 1889.

Last Saturday there died at Moodna, in Ulster county, Mrs. Mary, wife of Robert E. Mabee. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mabee's friends and relatives reside in this section and their burial plot is in the Warwick cemetery. Her father is Mr. John J. Berry of Deckertown. He left his farm on the receipt of the dispatch announcing her serious illness and was at her bedside when she died. After a hasty exchange of ideas about the funeral he went to his home leaving arrangements to be made by her husband with the assistance of his brother who had lived near this place.

The disease of which the lady died was pronounced by the physicians to be congestion of the lungs complicated with typhoid fever, as stated by the father afterward. But the brother-in-law, after coming here and calling upon Mr. Lazear, the undertaker, an old friend of the lady's father, saw the pastor of the M. E. church and in company with him went to see the health officer, Dr. Bradner, to get a permit to hold a public funeral over a scarlet fever patient; stating that the woman had not only died of scarlet fever but that her nursing child had taken it from her and had been very ill. Dr. Bradner at once not only forbade the holding of a public funeral, but stated that it was unlawful to bring a scarlet fever subject on a public conveyance and he would not allow it to enter this village by the Warwick train. He also suggested that it would be best to bury near where the death occurred.

Arrangements for the funeral were then stopped by Mr. Mabee and a dispatch sent to the husband stating that the funeral would not be allowed here, but to bury at home.

This was all that was known of this sadly complicated case here, until on Tuesday morning, when several carriages drove into town bringing the friends and relatives to attend the funeral. Among these was the father of the deceased. He was annoyed to hear that the funeral had been forbidden by the health officer and sought for an explanation. Explanations were mutual and the officer soon convinced him that there was a mistake somewhere, and that he had only discharged his plain duty under the statute.

Mr. Berry then sent a telegram to his son-in-law asking if the funeral had taken place and making the request, if it had not, to

have the body forwarded to this place. The answer, which was not received until long after he had gone to his home, stated that the body had been buried at Gardiner. Mr. Berry will go to Moodena to get the matter untangled, and states that the body must be buried in the family plot here at once, if possible, or during the winter, if that is deemed best.

Thus the matter stands in an extremely complicated condition. No physician's certificate has been seen or heard of here, and the village board of health is desirous to find out who has made the mistake causing all this trouble and anxiety which is not yet ended. The health officer felt that if a case of malignant scarlet fever had been treated as the gentleman who called upon him stated this had – all the family being allowed to freely mingle at the bedside and an infant allowed to nurse until it too was stricken – it was his plain duty to take decided steps to guard this village from its spread here. The orders which he issued in this case are those provided by legal enactment for such emergencies. The distressing complication in the case is not only a matter of regret to the board, but it calls forth the united sympathy of all whose instincts of humanity prompt them to “mourn with those who mourn” the loss of dear ones. The lesson which it naturally points is one quickly discerned and needs no special pointing out – too much care cannot be taken with the details in arranging for funerals.

Mabie Family Reunion

The 92nd Annual Mabie Family Reunion for descendants of William and Sophia Mabie is being held this year on July 10th at the home of Mick and Barb Kineke near Mohawk, New York.

Please contact Barb Brodie Kineke at micknbarb1980@yahoo.com for details.

Obituaries

Helen Clara Maybee Randi (MS #108)

From The Garden City News, Garden City NY, 1 April 2016

Helen Clara (Maybee) Randi gracefully passed on March 23 at her home on Grannis Brook Farm in Canton, N.Y. She was surrounded by her family while holding hands with her beloved husband of 67 years, Dr. Joseph A. Randi.

Helen was born in Canton, N.Y. to Margaret and Nelson Maybee in 1927. After graduating Canton High School at 17 she came to Adelphi University where she earned her degree in Nursing. It was at Adelphi where she met and fell in love with Joseph Randi. They married in 1948. After her husband graduated from Columbia Dental School they returned to the town they fell in love with while at Adelphi. It is here in Garden City where they would live for the next 38 years and raise their five children.

Helen was a very active member of the Garden City community. PTA, cub scouts, Twigs, were just a few of the organizations that she participated in while raising her busy family. She also helped with her husband's dental practice running the front office.

After her children were grown Helen fell in love with the game of golf. It was at Cherry Valley Country Club where she would enjoy the game and meet the friends she would have for life. When she was not golfing she loved needle pointing, knitting, beading, gardening and traveling.

In 1960 Helen and Joe bought the Grannis

Brook Farm in Canton, NY. It was here where the Randi family would enjoy all their holidays. Helen loved every inch of her farm. She filled her home with beautiful antiques and furniture made by her husband. She filled her gardens with spectacular flowers and vegetables. She loved exploring the woods on skis, in canoes, and on foot. For years Helen would welcome many friends and family to the farm where many happy memories were made.

The Randi's left Garden City in 1992 when Dr. Randi retired from dentistry. They would spend the winter months in Venice, Florida and would return to the farm spring through fall.

Nothing made Helen more happy than when she was surrounded by her family. She was a dedicated, supportive, and loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Her family always felt her love and will miss her forever.

Helen is survived by her husband Dr. Joseph Randi, 4 of her 5 children, Margie(Jim)(Abraham,Cyrus,Helen). , Mary(Kathy,Tim, Matt,Andrew,Scott), Anthony(Ruth)(William, Chesney), Matt (Linda)(Matthew,Shawntel). She was also blessed with 17 great grandchildren. She is pre-deceased by her eldest son Joseph A. Randi Jr. (Cynthia) (Joseph, Jessica.)

Dues

Before our regular dues reminder, the officers of the Maybee Society would like to make clear that the payment of dues, while greatly appreciated, is not required to maintain good standing as members. Specifically, we understand that some of

our members are senior citizens living on fixed incomes, and we do not want anyone who cannot afford it to feel obligated. 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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