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The President's Corner

Dear Cousins,

I sure hope you all had a fun, eventful summer! Our summer went waaaay to fast with waaaay too many exciting family events! I had my mother's side of the family cousin's reunion in July (Brickey/Vivier), with attendees from all across the country. We ate, swam, water skied, and visited! I even got to share with them a project I learned and researched this spring: that we were all descended from about 25 filles du roi! (Daughters of the King)

For those unfamiliar with the term, King Louis the XIV of France sent 768 young women to marry the men of New France between the years 1663 and 1673! I have even found books written on a couple of our great grandmothers! Great fun!

Thennnn, in August I got to help with the Truax family reunion. They are trying to revive their organization, and as you may know, many Mabees were married to members of the Truax family. My husband Gary has more than most, with 21 lines to 4 different children, and 2 different wives! I tell him he might be more Truax than Mabee; 6 to 21 ratio! He was not amused!

Finally, on August 28th, we had the beautiful wedding of our favorite (only) son, Jonathan. We gained a lovely new daughter in law, named Deanna, so there is hope for more grandchildren in the near future!

All the Best,
Kim

Research Update

By Steve Mabee
Vice-President

One of the more exciting genealogical research experiences is when multiple new resources become available which, when combined, lead to significant findings. I am happy to report that this is exactly what has recently occurred.

For some time, the folks at FamilySearch.com have made available a searchable data base of 19th Century New York City Death Records. The problem with this data is that the Death Records frequently give just a name, age and address. For example, one record is for a one year old child named Alfred A. Mabee

who died on June 16, 1852. All we know about this child is that his address was 93 16th Street in New York City. Since this child was not alive at the time of the 1850 Federal Census, we had no way of identifying his parents.

But now, thanks to Fold3, we have the New York City directories for every year during the 19th century. These directories list the head of household, his or her address and occupation. Thus we can now look in the 1852 Directory where we discover that the occupant at 93 16th Street was one John Mabie, a wheelwright! And by then looking at the 1850 Federal Census, we discover that the only John Mabie living in New York City who was a wheelwright was John B. Mabie, son of Frederick Mabie and Baletie Binkerhoff, who had married Catherine Anderson on February 23, 1843.

We had already known that John and Catherine had three children: Isaac, Mary Louisa and Effemia. But now we know that they also had a son Alfred A., who died at one year of age.

In another case, we have a death record for a newborn John C. Mabie who died May 23, 1825. His residence was listed as Church Street in New York City. From the 1825 directory, Michael Mabie, a mason, lived at 217 Church Street. Michael was a son of Cornelius Van Arelant Mabie and Effe De Clerk, who was born on April 1, 1790. He had married Hester Craig on April 14, 1821. We had previously known that they had two children: Crowel Evans Mabie and Margaret Mabie, and we now know that they also had a son John C. Mabie. As it happens, there is another death record for yet another unnamed female child of Michael and Hester who died at birth on April 15, 1829.

As a final example, there is a death record for another young child, James Mabie, who died July 3, 1825. The residence listed is Varick Street. In the 1825 Directory, that is the address of Peter L. Mabie, mason. Peter Lent Mabie was born September 25, 1794, another son of Cornelius Van Arelant Mabie and Effe De Clerk. Peter Lent Mabie was married to Abigail Payson. We had previously had a baptism record for their son James Clark Mabie, born February 25, 1823. Now we also know when he died.

Speaking of the family of Cornelius Mabie and Effe De Clerk, the death records of several members are included in the data base. Effe herself died October 2, 1852. Son Abraham C. Mabie died on June 28, 1824. Son Michael died December 22, 1849. Son James died May 14, 1851. Daughter Effie died May 16, 1830.

For those wishing to use the New York City Municipal Deaths data base, it can be found at this address:

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/240477>.

The New York City directories are available on the web site Fold3.com, which unfortunately requires a paid subscription.

Coutant or Cotang?

This article was sent in by Charles Boetsch (MS#359):

Here's something to file away in case you are contacted by any descendants of Jacob Mabee, son of Simon Mabee and Marie Landrin.

The recorded copy of the will of Zachariah Angevine (written "Anjuvin" in the will) of New Rochelle, whose daughter Elizabeth

married John Coutant, lists his daughter and son-in-law as “Elizabeth Cottong” and “John Cottong”.

Jacob Mabee married “Mary Cotang” whose supposed maiden surname has never made much sense to me. There were no Cotang progenitors in New Rochelle, and Cotang does not appear to have been a real surname in early America. Unfortunately, there is no will or other inclusive contemporaneous record naming the children of John Coutant, and the baptismal records for his children appear to be incomplete. Conversely, the only other Coutant having children at the time, Isaac Coutant, brother of John Coutant, left a will naming his children, so his family structure is known.

While there’s no proof that Mary Cotang was a daughter of John Coutant / “Cottong”, it still seems likely to me given lack of plausible alternatives and the spelling conversions of the surname Coutant. Coutant is pronounced “coo – TAH<n>” in French, Cottong would be “cuh – TAH<n>” and Cotang would be “coh – TAH<n>”, all with the second syllables nasalized and the “n” barely perceptible (resembling a swallowed terminal “ng” sound in the last two examples).

An apt example of how a Huguenot French surname from New York changes in America and Canada is the Ganong family whose immigrant ancestor was a Guenon (originally pronounced “geh – NOH<n>”).

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganong Bros](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganong_Bros)

John Mabee, another son of Simon Mabee and Marie Landrin, married Susanna Coutant, daughter of Isaac Coutant (and

thus perhaps a first cousin of Jacob Mabee’s wife “Mary Cotang”).

The wrong Catherine Ann Mabie

This note is from our Past President, John D. MayBee:

In the Maybee Society database we have had Peter W. Mabie, son of William A. Mabie and Margaret Adaline Onderdonk, married to Catherine Ann Mabie, daughter of Cornelius Mabie and Mary Hopper. We have recently discovered that this is an error.

In reviewing the 1875 New York State Census, it was discovered that Peter W. Mabie was actually married to Catherine Ann Mabie, daughter of Jacob Brinkerhoff Mabie and Leah Nagle.

New York, State Census, 1875,
Orangetown, Rockland, ED 1, Household
458

22 Jun 1875

Peter W Mabie, 26, M, Head, born in Rockland, Married, Carpenter, voter, owns land

Cathrine Mabie, 23, F, Wife, born in New Jersey, Married

Jacob B Mabie, 61, M, Father-in-law, born in New Jersey, Married, Farmer, voter

Leaina Mabie, 58, F, Mother-in-law, born in New Jersey, Married

Hester E Mabie, 30, F, Sister-in-law, born in New York, Single

lived in frame house worth \$3000

Mabie Family Reunion

The 92nd annual South Valley, Otsego County, New York Mabie Reunion was held July 10, 2016 at the home of Mick and Barb Kineke in Mohawk, NY.

This reunion, held every year, celebrates our descent from William and Sophia Scripture Mabie who moved from Schoharie County to Otsego County and raised their family back in the late 1830's. William and Sophia had 12 children, 3 of whom died at birth. Those children were James Dana, Margaret Clarissa, Arba Oscar, John Peter, Cyrus, David Anthony, Mary Catherine, William Henry, Washington, twins Edward and Emma and Abigail Annette.

Of these children, only two of the lines were represented at the Reunion. They were the Arba Oscar line and the David Anthony line. It is noted that we would love to see the other lines represented. These descendants are now spread all over the United States.

Mabie descendants from New York State and Pennsylvania gathered for the afternoon. There were 35 people present. Mick Kineke gathered the family together for a family photo before the pot luck meal was served. (see rear page) The Mabies are known for their delicious food and there was plenty of it at the reunion.

After the meal a short business meeting was held and led by President Bob Mabie of Gloversville. The Secretary and treasurer reports were given by acting officer, Mary Lou Bach and the Historian report was given by Barb Kineke, who is the family historian.

There were 4 births, 3 deaths, 3 marriages and 6 graduations noted. Mary Lou Bach also made up some displays of our family lines and some photos, which everyone found very interesting.

The next annual reunion will be held in 2017 on July 9th at Bob Mabie's home at

105 East State St, Gloversville, NY at 1:00 pm with a photo taken before the meal which will begin at 1:30.

We welcome all Mabies to join us, especially any descendants from the above children named. Any questions can be directed to Barb Kineke email address micknbarb1980@yahoo.com.

Obituaries

Kim Maybee, daughter of Leo Ray Maybee, MS 271, 25 Mar 1958- 16 Mar 2016

Kim R. (Maybee) Baber, age 57 of Nebraska City, NE passed away on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE. Kim was born on March 25, 1958 in Nebraska City, NE; the daughter of Leo R. and Jane B. (Walters) Maybee. She attended school in Nebraska City. She was married to Jeff Baber in 2007 in Omaha, NE.

Kim was a C.N.A. and had worked at Golden Living Care Center and Duff's Friendship Villa in Nebraska City.

Those left to cherish her memory include her mom, Jane Maybee of Nebr. City; sisters: Tina and husband Gene of Joplin, MO; Kelly of Sioux Falls SD; brothers: Rick of Phoenix, AZ, David of Nebr. City; Gene of Omaha, NE, Jody and wife Pam of Nebr. City; Brad and wife Angela of Nebr. City; half-sister Brenda of Lincoln, NE many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and other family and friends.

Kim was preceded in death by her husband Jeff Baber in March of 2008; her dad Leo Maybee in April of 2003; an infant daughter, a sister Jacqueline and half-brother Terry .

The Happy Couple!



Jonathan James Mabee and Deanna Marie Hutter ----August 28, 2016

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.

Who We Are:

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<http://maybeesociety.org/>

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92nd Annual Mabie Family Reunion – Photo by Mick Kineke