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## The President's Corner

Dear Cousins,

When I became president 4 years ago, I had many ideas on which to write this column, but now my brain seems to be losing them faster than I find them!

Earlier in the year we talked about finding famous people in our family trees. Or even if you have a person with an interesting story, we would love to share it! Don't be bashful! We only got a couple of responses to date, including one from our cousin Will Mabee of New Jersey.

His most famous relative is Edward Doty, a Mayflower passenger who is also an ancestor of Sydney B. Barrows, the infamous Mayflower Madam! Edward, who was an indentured servant to Stephen Hopkins, is said to have fought the first duel in Massachusetts with Edward Leister over the master's daughter, Constance. With dagger and swords they fought on the beach and were bloodied when a furious Miles Standish disarmed them and marched them before Governor William Bradford. They were strung up and tied together to "cool off their hot blood". After an hour, Stephen Hopkins asked for their release and guaranteed their good behavior. Constance

who promoted the rivalry eventually married someone else entirely!

Will also had six ancestors who were in the military or militia, including one (Samuel Mase) who was at Valley Forge and Yorktown with Washington. So he got to see some of the worst and best of it.

In case you are wondering, Tobias Maybee was also at Valley Forge with General Washington.

Please send in your best story!

All the Best,  
Kim

## Research Update

By Steve Mabie  
Vice-President

We have known for several years that Cornelius Mabey (son of Johannes Mabie and Phoebe Ferdun), a cart man in New York City during the 1790s, died intestate in 1795. And we have also known that his widow, Elizabeth Mabey, died in April 1797, leaving 4 orphans. Unfortunately, we have not known Elizabeth's maiden

name, nor have we known with any certainty the names or ages of their 4 children.

We could piece together some information. We know, for example, that in the 1790 census, Cornelius and Elizabeth had two daughters. We also have identified a John Maybay, born in New York in 1790 or 1791, who in 1850 was living in Hancock County, Illinois, who we THINK was possibly a son of Cornelius and Elizabeth. But beyond that, we have known nothing.

However, thanks to Charles Boetsch, (Maybee Society Member #359), we now know a little more. As it happens, Charles was viewing an LDS microfilm containing baptism records of the Presbyterian Church in New York City, one of the few such microfilms that I have never viewed, when he found a record for the baptism of a Mary Mabey, born April 5, 1788 and baptized on June 1, 1788. Her parents were listed as Cornelius Mabey and Elizabeth Carroway, his wife.

Thus, we now know Elizabeth Mabey's maiden name (probably spelled Caraway), and one of the two daughters enumerated in the 1790 census. Interestingly, the John Maybay in the 1850 census had a daughter named Mary (and a son named Obediah).

Charles also verified that Cornelius was buried in the North Dutch Church in New York City on October 24, 1795.

So, thank you Charles for these great finds.

### **The End of an Era**

As this issue was going to press, word came that the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus was going out of business this year, after 146 years of

entertaining children of all ages, myself included.

I am sure that all of you have heard of the Mabie Brothers Circus, owned by Edmund F. and Jeremiah Mabie, which toured the United States between 1840 and the early 1860s, long before Ringling and Barnum. Only the Civil War caused the Mabie's to close the show. So, in memory of Jeremiah, Edmund and Romeo (their star elephant), page 6 is an excerpt from a Little Rock newspaper from 1851.

### **Maybee & Related Grave Markers**

#### **#2**

by Peter W. Johnson

### **Catherine Maybee, c1814-1852**

Catherine Maybee is buried at Stockdale Cemetery a few miles north of Trenton, ON. Stockdale has over 1200 markers, is well kept and still in use. The earliest surviving marker is dated 1836, but there were burials there before that date and certainly Maybee involvement. If one considers the actual Maybee markers plus those of descendants who may not carry the name, the most common surname is Maybee.

Catherine's husband Ephraim Maybee c1809-1874 was a grandson of Loyalist Capt. Abraham Maybee. Ephraim married Catherine in 1831 and they had nine known children and it's more than probable that Catherine's early death was childbirth-related. Catherine's maiden name was Gunter and she as well was the grandchild of a Loyalist - Conrad Gunter. Her branch of the Gunters had arrived in Upper Canada from New Brunswick about 1811.

Coincidentally Catherine's brother Samuel married Sarah Maybee sister of Ephraim

and Sarah also died in 1852 of childbirth issues. Sarah has a marker at another cemetery. There were other marriages between the Gunters and Maybees too.

Catherine's marker is fairly simple in design, but the letters are done with a boldness typical of the 1850s. The weeping willow motif was a symbol of mourning and had begun to appear in the 1820s and until the end of the 1860s it was easily the most popular grave marker motif.



Photo 2005 by P Johnson

The one odd thing about this marker is the “Mabee” spelling. This branch of the Maybees always included the “y” in the name, so I can only assume the artisan seeing that he was short on room for the surname, introduced a little streamlining by leaving out that letter!

## Twearing Barbara Maybee 1819-1885

by Peter W. Johnson UE

A few newsletters ago, there was a short article titled, “Did William Huff Maybee Marry A Second Time?” (July 2016, Issue 106). Since then a little more information has surfaced.

The suggestion at the time was that Barbara (CANE) LEROY 1819-1885 was the second wife of William Huff MAYBEE rather than some other William MAYBEE. She was buried as the widow of a William MAYBEE.

Barbara is included in numerous public family trees on *Ancestry.ca*. Yes. I am aware that such trees are often problematic, but they can be worth a glance. In every case Barbara turns up as “KEENE” rather than “CANE”. I suspect that her maiden name may well have been KEENE, and the appearance of CANE on some documents can be attributed to the people who wrote the entries, and their interpretation of what they heard.

Barbara turns up in the 1861 and 1871 Census Records for Sidney Township, Hastings County ON. Oddly in 1861 she is called “Margaret” rather than “Barbara” but all indications are that this is the same Barbara. The children match as well. She is a widow in both records, so her husband John LEROY died prior to 1861, and the public member trees offer the year 1860. That’s a bit earlier than previously thought.

George LEROY married Sarah CRONK on Dec. 19, 1872. His Mother is listed as “Barbara Cane”. His residence at the time was Frankford which is within Sidney Township. This and Census Records all

place the family in Frankford or vicinity and this places them almost in the same neighbourhood as William Huff MAYBEE.

Thus despite tweaking the information a bit, I still suspect that Barbara married William Huff MAYBEE in 1871 or later.

### **Selected Sources**

- 1861 Census. Sidney Township. Hastings County ON. C-1033 p. 59
- 1871 Census. Sidney Township. Hastings County ON. C-9990 p. 30
- Schedule of Marriages. Hastings County ON. MS932 Reel 7, p. 108 LEROY/CRONK 1872

### **Birth Announcement**

Angela and Peter Johnson (MS#11) announce the birth of their grandson, Maximus Donald "Max" Fiorentino on November 26, 2016 in Cobourg, Ontario. Max is the son of Clarissa (Johnson) and Sandro Fiorentino and the brother of Dante Fiorentino.

Max, Dante and their cousin Patrick Johnson are all double descendants of Captain Abraham Maybee, UE.

### **Obituaries**

Betty Jean Mabie (nee Myrick), 87, died on Nov. 11, 2016, and George William Mabie, 89, on Nov. 12, 2016, in Fort Myers, FL.

George was Maybee Society Member #172

George and Betty celebrated 61 years of marriage on Oct. 1. As teachers of life, together they combined their creativity, compassion, and energy on their quest to share their joy of life. Betty, born in Maplewood, was a loving mom, gifted

artist, and special friend to many. She worked as a commercial artist for McGraw Hill and later published two children's books. While raising a family, she also worked as the creative and administrative partner for Mabie Vac-Formed Plastics. Betty's warm energy and her desire to truly get to know and find the best in everyone she met touched so many in an uplifting way. Born in Detroit, George was a devoted dad, professional engineer, and entrepreneur. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Rolla, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and then served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. In 1954 he started his own business, Mabie Vac-Formed Plastics. Advocate of "projects" and hopeful inventions, believer in the power of positive thinking, George enriched the lives of family, friends, and all who knew him.

Loving parents of Glenn (Kris) Mabie, Jill (Glen) Borage, and Scott (Kathleen) Mabie; dear grandparents of Grant (Patty) Mabie, Drew (Tara) Mabie, Michelle (Craig) Meers, Renee Borage, Jeffrey Borage, Ryan Mabie, and Hannah Mabie; great-grandparents of Anne and Claire Mabie. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Hattie and Carl Myrick, and her dear sister Sally (Jerry) Krieg. George was the loyal brother of Paul (the late Dorothy) Mabie. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hazel and Paul Mabie, sister Francine (Russell) Haefner, and brothers Ted (Geneva) and Robert (Jean) Mabie. They will be deeply missed by nieces, nephews, cousins, and the many dear friends they made in St. Louis, Fort Myers, and Nestor Falls, Ontario.

Charlotte Ann Mabie  
December 13, 1924 – January 13, 2017

Charlotte's husband was Maybee Society Member 232, Robert Edwin Mabee (1923-2011)

Charlotte Ann Mabee peacefully passed away Friday, January 13, 2017 in Primrose Retirement Communities of Mansfield, Ohio. She was 92. Charlotte was born in Mansfield on December 13, 1924 to parents Wesley W. & Rebecca (Simmons) Purdy. She was graduated from Mansfield Senior High with the class of 1942 and went on to earn her Bachelor's degree from Ohio Wesleyan University. On May 28, 1949, she married Robert E. Mabee and they shared 62 wonderful years of marriage until he passed away in 2011. They are now together again. Charlotte worked to make a loving home for her husband and children. She was a wonderful hostess who enjoyed baking and getting together with friends. She was a member of First Congregational Church in Mansfield where she was active with the Spire Ladies and served as deaconess. Charlotte was also a member of the Women's Club, Garden Club, Bridge Club, and the MedCentral Hospital Auxiliary. She is survived by son and daughter-in-law Bruce T. & Julianna Mabee of Covington, LA; daughter and son-in-law Pamela A. & Bernard Car of Norwalk; grandchildren Benjamin Mabee, Christopher Mabee, Caitlin Mabee, Katherine Car, Carolyn Car, Brian Car and Bradley Car; a sister Marty & Bob Bartlett of Cincinnati; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Charlotte was preceded in death by a son Robert W. Mabee and a sister Jean McNeil.

## Dues

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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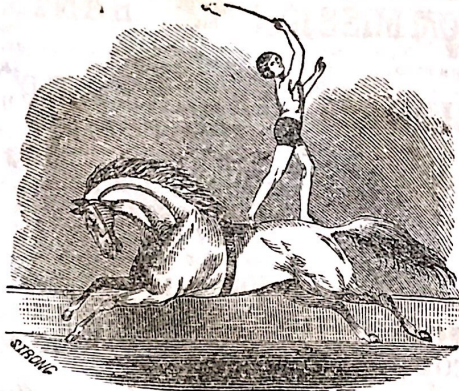
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