



# MAYBEE SOCIETY

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### The President's Corner

Dear Cousins,

The topic this quarter is books! Books authored by family members, and/or descendants, or books about family members! I don't know how many of you out there have Goggled this timely topic, but there are many books written by Mabee's/Mabies/Maybees/Mabeys etc. through the last 200 plus years. One of the earliest authors is Dr. Henry Clay Mabee (1847-1918) of Illinois. He wrote quite a few religious books and an autobiography. His cousin Catherine Louise Roe Mabee (1872-1963) also of Illinois also wrote a religious book about her life in the Congo where she was a missionary. The most impressive I think, have come from Hamilton Wright Mabee (1846-1916) of New Jersey. He wrote roughly 35 books including many targeting younger readers, was the editor of literary magazines, and was also a noted orator. He even has a Wikipedia page. I have found some children's books by (Ira) Peter Mabee (1883-1980) of Wisconsin, written and illustrated back in the 1930s. There also seems to be another Peter Mabee writing some fiction/emotion kindle books recently. I am not sure what those are

exactly, but if someone knows, please tell us! Mary Louise Mabee (1904-1972) wrote 4 books and her papers are held at the university of Arizona. I bought "The Long Knives Walked" but have not read it yet! Barbara Mabee, retired professor of German from Oakland California has written several books. She appears to still be living. George W. Maybee of Alabama, a Maybee Society member, has written an interesting book I need to get, about his great grandfather Charles Maybee, titled "Three Wagons West: Adventures on the Oregon Trail".

Then, we have the children's book "Daughter of Liberty" written by Robert Mead Quackenbush (born in 1929 - also in Wikipedia, and still living) about his 5 times great aunt Wyntie Quackenbush Mabee (3<sup>rd</sup> wife of Abraham Mabee). Years ago I talked to Robert on the phone. It seems he has a web site and has written and illustrated over 200 children's books! He received the Gold Medal of Art & Literature from the Dutch Settlers Society. [http://www.rquackenbush.com/meet\\_the\\_author.htm](http://www.rquackenbush.com/meet_the_author.htm)

Next we have John Aaron Mabee (aka Jack - Sourdough Jack - 1920-1995 of Washington) who wrote 4 sourdough cook books. He visited here at our home in March 1995 and went home to Seattle and passed away! He was full of plans and ideas for the Maybee Society, and it broke my heart! He even gave us a number of packets of the dehydrated sourdough starter that he had perfected the process for.

Another Mabey who is English, but quite well known for his books on botany and biographies is Richard T. Mabey born in 1941. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature in 2011. After graduating from Oxford he was an editor and before becoming an author, he worked in film and did documentaries for the BBC. Then we have Maybee Society member R. Robert Mutrie. He is a Canadian descendent that has written the actual only genealogy of the family, "6000 New York Ancestors: A Compendium of Mabie Research". He put it into book form, also probably the only one that will ever get written because of all the info on the internet today. Robert has written several historical/genealogical books and websites on the people and area where he lives and is still researching today.

<https://sites.google.com/site/longpointsettlements/long-point-settlement>

We have descendent and prize winning author, Firth Haring Fabend, another Maybee Society member. She attended our 2010 reunion at the Farm and we enjoyed meeting her. She has become one of the premier writers on New Netherland today. "New Netherland in a Nutshell" is her latest. She also wrote a small book/poem called a "Catch of Grandmothers" that includes her great grandmother Catherine Mabie. Firth also has a Wikipedia page!

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Firth\\_Haring\\_Fabend](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Firth_Haring_Fabend)

Last but not least, there is yours truly, who just finished/published a small book titled "Jan Pieterse Mabee, wife Anna Borsboom and their Farm, A Souvenir Guide". My friend/cousin Pat Barrot, and I worked on it because people that visited the farm kept asking for something to take home and remember it by! (when purchased at the farm, \$1.50 of each goes to them) So for over 10 years, it was on my bucket list!

And you know what that means, one project gives birth to 4 more! So now, I am working on a children's book about Jan and hope to get artist Len Tantillo to illustrate it!!! (I cannot draw my own name) I have already spoken with him, and he seems receptive! It was at his instigation that Pat and I do this book through Amazon's publishing arm, Create Space, and I have to say that it worked pretty easily after you get used to their instructions and specifications! You can buy it too!

<https://www.amazon.com/Pieterse-Mabee-wife-Borsboom-their/dp/1546396691>

So cousins, if you have been holding back, please don't! Go for that brass ring yourself! Be the next author on our list!!!! All the Best,

Kim Mabee  
President

## Research Update

By Steve Mabie  
Vice-President

Whoever would believe that eBay could be a good source for genealogical finds? And how would you like to find out that we are related to a real hero, a Medal of Honor recipient who later rose to the rank of Brigadier General in the US Army?

Last week I was searching through eBay looking for some new Mabie artifact to add

to my collection when I stumbled across an unusual item for sale: a Sons of the Revolution certificate naming Oscar Fitzalan Long as a descendant of Revolutionary War soldier Cornelius Mabie of New York. The seller of the document went on to identify Oscar as a Medal of Honor recipient during the Indian Wars. I immediately checked our data base and discovered that Oscar F. Long was not included (he is now).

Oscar F. Long (1852 – 1928) was born in Utica, NY, the son of William W. Long and Eva E. Veeder Long; the grandson of Samuel Veeder and Jane Mabie Veeder; the great grandson of Jacob Mabie and Eva Van Patten Mabie; and the great great grandson of Cornelius Mabie and Hester Groot Mabie.

Oscar F. Long was awarded the Medal of Honor for valor in action on September 30, 1877 near Bear Paw Mountain, Montana. He was an 1876 graduate of West Point and served in the Army until 1904. He was one of 9 men so honored for valor at the Battle of Bear Paw, part of the campaign against Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce in the fall of 1877.

### **Update from Last Issue**

In the last issue, I wrote about our grandson Jacob's success during the recent Little League Baseball competition.

Unfortunately, Jacob's team ran into an even better team from Lufkin Texas. As it turned out, the team from Lufkin went all the way to Williamsport and actually won the US championship before losing in the final game to the international team from Japan. Interestingly, the star for the Lufkin

team was a young man named Hunter Ditsworth, who happens to be a very distant cousin of ours.

As you know, the wife of Pieter Casparszen was Aechtje Jans. This was her second marriage, her first husband, Abraham Willemszen having been killed in a duel in November 1649. Aechtje's son by this first marriage was William Tietsoort, and over the years, this surname has evolved into three main variations: Teachout, Titsworth and Ditsworth. Thus, Hunter Ditsworth is a descendant of Aechtje Jans, just like the rest of us.

In closing, I'll note that our grandson Jacob hit a single in his only at bat against Hunter Ditsworth.

### **93<sup>rd</sup> Annual South Valley Mabie Family Reunion**

The following is from Barb Kineke (MS #269):

The 93<sup>rd</sup> annual Mabie reunion was held on Sunday, July 9, 2017 at the home of Roy and Jeanine Dykeman in Fultonville, NY. The day was sunny and quite warm with a nice breeze blowing and there were 39 present from: Moravia, NY, East Douglas, MA, Fultonville, NY, Summerfield, FL, Mohawk, NY, Niagara Falls, NY, Cherry Valley, NY, McGraw, NY, Gloversville, NY, Amsterdam, NY, Ballston Spa, NY, Radford, VA, Meadville, PA, and South Valley, NY. Family and group pictures were taken by Mick Kineke, after which Charley Brodie asked the Lord's blessing on the food. Again this year we had an abundance of good food to choose from the buffet.

Elliot Brodie was the oldest family member present at 92 years of age, youngest was his great granddaughter Claire Kineke at 2 years old. Elliot Brodie had most family members present, all 7 of his children with the most members present at 26 family members and the most generations present with 4 generations. Elliott Brodie Jr and his wife Linda traveled the furthest at 1200 miles from Summerville Florida.

A business meeting was held presided by President Bob Mabie and the secretary's, treasurer's and historian's reports were all read by Mary Lou Bach who is the secretary/treasurer and Barb Kineke who is the historian.

The following statistics and facts were shared:

Births:

-Alexander Derone Tansey, was born to Zachary Tansey and Allison Bruett on August 18, 2016 in Tennessee.

-Aria Grace Mabie was born to Kevin and Brandi Mabie on June 30, 2016 in Rome, NY.

-Sophia Ann Mabie was born to Kyle and Chrissy Mabie on April 28, 2017 in Schenectady, NY.

Deaths:

-Larry Rouse of Gloversville, NY passed away August 29, 2016 in

Amsterdam. Larry descends through the John Peter Mabie line in South Valley.

-Howard Mabie of Port Crane, NY passed away November 23, 2016 at Wilson Hospital in Johnson City, NY. Howard was a long time attendee of the annual Mabie Reunion and was 92 years old. He descends through the John Peter Mabie line from South Valley.

-Joel Thomas Mabie of Jamesville, NY passed away November 12, 2016 at 31 years of age. Joel is son of Joyce Ann Poore and Donald Eric Mabie and a

grandson to Gloria Mabie, who is a regular attendee of the annual Mabie reunion. Joel descends through the Arba Mabie line from South Valley.

-Dorman Harold Webb of Roseboom, NY passed away January 11, 2017 in

Roseboom, NY. He was 76 years old and descended through the Mabie line from William and Sophia's daughter Margaret Clarissa Mabie and Lyman Powers.

-Katherine Mabie formerly of South Valley, NY passed away May 26, 2017 at the home of her daughter Judy in Cooperstown, NY. Kate was married to the late Frank Mabie of South Valley who descended through the Arba Mabie line from South Valley.

Marriage:

-Jekara Hatch and Matthew Baran were married October 1, 2016 in Moravia, NY. Jekara is the daughter of Steve and Donna Lou Brodie Hatch and the granddaughter of Elliot and the late Luella Mabie Brodie.

Graduations:

-Christopher Anderson son of Mark and Debbie Mabie Anderson of South Valley, NY graduated from University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida in April 2017 with a PHD in Bio-Medical Engineering. Christopher is grandson to Leland and Pat Mabie.

-Sarena Rose Webster daughter of Lori and James Webster graduated from Anderson High School in Austin, Texas on June 2, 2017. Paternal grandparents are the late James and Myra Mabie Webster. Sarena will be studying biomedical science at Texas A&M.

-Nathan Rose son of Lauren Mabie Merendo, graduated June 23, 2017 from Fonda Fultonville High School. He will be going to Sullivan College in Suffren, NY. Nathan is a wrestler. Maternal Grandparents are the late Karl and Betty Mabie

Special Anniversaries:

10 years Eric and Shana Seprodi Mabie on March 24, 2017

10 years Shannon Mabie and Michael Gomiller married April 28, 2017.

10 years Brian and Teresa Mabie on September 15<sup>th</sup> of 2017.

20 years Robert and Joyce Cody O'Neil on September 28, 2016.

25 years David and Kim Mabie on August 24, 2016

25 years John and Janet French Kostbar on August 31, 2016.

25 years Roy and Janine Dykeman on October 19, 2016

25 years Michael and Mamie Nadeau Cody on May 23, 2017.

25 years Steve and Donna Lou Brodie Hatch on July 27, 2016

25 years Dan and Deb Mabie Kiesow on July 4, 2017.

35 years Thomas and Kelly Matteson Mabie January 23, 2017

40 years Michael and Linda Mabie Rivenburg on December 4, 2016

45 years Larry and Nancy Thompson Prill on June 10, 2017.

50 years Carolyn Mabie and Harold Eye on August 5, 2017

50 years David and Sharon Guernsey Thompson October 15, 2016.

65 years Ken and Margaret Haner Rocke on October 13, 2016.

Bits and Pieces:

Annalia Anderson, daughter of Mark and Debra Anderson, is seeing the world during her college years. She spent eight days in Croatia in early April for one of her classes at Rochester Institute of Technology. She was part of the team that planned the annual event, "Putting on the RITz," which was held on the Croatian campus.

Carol Ann Brodie was honored this year in the 2017 Annual Schoharie County Maple

Festival Booklet when it was dedicated to her. Carol was honored and thanked for always being an upbeat, kindhearted person always ready with a smile and laugh. She was credited for being very involved with the Festival for many years as a valuable indispensable behind the scenes person for the organization. She scouts out and communicates with and organizes the vendors and crafters and takes care of correspondence and communication with potential participants and the seasoned returnees and she follows up with them. She is credited for keeping the Maple Festival running smoothly.

Becky Gaddis, granddaughter of Renee Merolli is now a Doctor of Pharmacy in Greenville, North Carolina.

Letters were read from Carolyn Mabie Eye (descended from James Dana Family) and Kathy Ramsey Cooper (descended from the Mary Catherine Clark Family) both expressing regret at not being able to make it to the reunion.

Mention was made that cards were sent out from the reunion during the year, such as get well and sympathy cards to various Mabie family descendants.

Next year we are trying something new. There will be baskets of various items donated that we will raffle off at next year's reunion. It was decided to let people sign up and fill one. It was mentioned that two families could go together to fill one. 6 members signed up to do next year's baskets. Those who signed up are Mike Kineke, Janine Dykeman & Bob Mabie doing one together, Bryan Bach, Donna Hatch, Barb Kineke and Mary Lou Bach.

Concerning tee shirts, Mary Lou did not find a family crest that was suitable to put

on the tee shirt. It was decided by the group to not do the shirts.

Date for next year: July 8, 2018  
Host next year: Bob Mabie of Gloversville. Barb Kineke will host as a backup if needed.

Family picture will be taken before the meal.

Meal will be at 1:30 PM

Bring your own table service and drink along with a dish for the buffet.

Please bring any pictures, mementos, memories etc to share or be viewed.

During the year, please feel free to email any family happenings or changes to [micknbarb1980@yahoo.com](mailto:micknbarb1980@yahoo.com) to be included in our family history and historian report. This includes anyone who is a descendant from William and Sophia Scripture Mabie. If you descend from any of the following children of this couple your information is deeply coveted:

James Dana Mabie who settled in Wisconsin, and married first Mary Sullivan and then Mary Adair, Lyman and Margaret Clarissa Mabie Powers, Arba Oscar and Louisa Tillapaugh Mabie, John Peter and Jane Davis Mabie, David Anthony and Katharine Hanson Mabie, Squire Franklin and Mary Catherine Mabie Clark- settled in Kentucky, William Henry and Effie Bellinger Mabie, Washington and Tennetta Hoyt Mabie and Henry Conrad and Abigail Annette Mabie.

There also is a closed facebook page called Marvelous Mabie Mob descendants of Wm and Sophia Scripture Mabie, NY state. If you are a Mabie descendant, please do a search for this page and ask to join.

Thank you and hope to hear from you during the year as well as see you next year at the reunion!

## Obituaries

It has recently come to our attention that two of our members died earlier this year, and in both cases, we have been unable to locate obituaries.

Walter Warren Maybee (MS #274) passed on February 12, 2017. According to the data on Find A Grave, Walter (Oct 1, 1928 – Feb 12, 2017) was a veteran of the Korean War and he was buried in the Santa Fe National Cemetery.

Anna Marie Stroda Jarboe (MS #71) died the 18th of June 2017. From her Find A Grave memorial, Anna was born June 16, 1924.

Robert Adair Maybee (Aug. 1, 1937 to Dec. 16, 2016). Robert was the brother of Lorna Tillson (MS #190) and George W. Maybee (MS #116).

Bob was born in his mother's house near Greenlake in Seattle, WA. He attended Seattle Public Schools and joined the Air Force in 1955. In 1957 he met Susan Manolides and they were married in July of that year. He is survived by his wife and three sons: Robert O., James W. (RoJane) and Jeffrey H. (Elisabeth); also by his sister, L. J. M. Tillson, brother, George W. Maybee and grandsons, Brock, Cole (Chelsea), Jeffrey II, Jacob and Joshua Maybee and granddaughters, Mary Pennington, Nola Maybee and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Steven Adair Maybee and sister, Bette Lou Maybee. He was a good husband, a good father and a good man.

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## Wedding Bells

On October 22, 2017, William P. F. Mabie, youngest son of Steve and Nancy of San Antonio, married Christine Alvear, also of San Antonio, in the Little Church of La Villita in downtown San Antonio.



Nancy and I are very happy to welcome Christine into our family!

## 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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The 93rd Annual South Valley Mabie Family Reunion - Photo by Mick Kineke