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### The President's Corner

Dear Cousins,

Hmmmm, what to write about this time!? Some days I am brimming with ideas, and some days draw a blank. I need to write them down when I think of them!

One thing I was thinking about last week, was that your officers sometimes have fun with our contact with the public and family members!

Just last week we were contacted by people who found the web site, another through ancestry itself, and also through findagrave. I get daily google email notices on anything going on in the world that has 4 different spellings of the name Maybee. You would be surprised on some of those! Some days it's from a house being sold on Mabie Lane, Street, or road, or one of the towns named Mabie. Sometimes it is someone with the name being arrested. There is also a lawyer/ judge named Paul Mabie in New Zealand, I think! Sometimes it's a lots of sports statistics, from our offspring participating! It's great fun to see all the places and people that have the name!

One item I should mention is that the new director of the Schenectady County Historical Society/Mabee Farm, is redoing exhibits and interpretation of the people and happenings through the centuries there. Some I like, some I do not.

While they are using US as a source for information and interpretation, they really do not want us having any real "control". It seems they are intimidated by family and want us in the waaaay back seat. Heck, even some of the historic houses of former Presidents have family members on their boards. We also visited the historic Rittenhouse town outside Philadelphia last summer, and they too have family members on the board. Sigh,,,,,, Gary and I and our kids worked, volunteered, slaved, since 1993 when it was first acquired. We change the SCHS president again this month, so we shall see.

Keep you posted.

Kim Mabee  
President

## Research Update

By Steve Mabie  
Vice-President

### **Benjamin Franklin Mabee, MS ID#19380**



Benjamin Franklin Mabee of Sussex County, NJ, and Orange County, NY, is one of those members of our family about whom some critical information has been missing. Specifically, we have not known who his parents were. He is first found in the 1870 census, age 13, residing in the household of John Mabee and his wife Hester (the former Hester Louise Margison) in Vernon Township, Sussex County, NJ. In the 1880 census, he is still residing in the same household, age 22. The 1880 census was the first to show relationships within a household, and in this case, Benjamin was listed as a nephew of John Mabee.

Finally, the will of John Mabee, dated June 28, 1880 and proved September 30, 1880 refers to "Benjamin Franklin Mabee, the boy whom I and my wife have brought up."

Thus, while it was evident that John and Hester were not Benjamin's birth parents, it is clear that they had raised him. Based solely on these facts, we have, up to now, guessed that Benjamin was a grandson of Eden Mabee, John's father. That is, until I received an email last week from Will Mabee (MS #195), a descendant of Eden and a fellow researcher with whom I've worked in the past.

Referring to Benjamin Franklin Mabee, Will wrote: "Do you remember this name? He is mentioned in the will of John Mabee (1816-1880), as the "boy my wife and I brought-up". I have been digging to find out who he really was. On the 1880 census, Ben is with John and his wife in Vernon. His age is given as 22 and his relationship to the head of household is nephew. The 1900 census finds him in Goshen, NY with wife Elizabeth (Decker). For 1910, Ben is in Warwick, NY again with Mary E. (Mary Elizabeth based upon records of their children). I could not find a birth record of a Benjamin Franklin Mabee. On the 1860 census in Vernon, Lewis Paddock is listed with his wife, Elizabeth, and child, Benjamin F. age 1. At the NJ Archives (AF-175) Benjamin Franklin Paddock is born Jun. 8, 1859 to Lewis and Elizabeth Paddock. You may recall John Mabee's sister, Sarah, married Isaac Paddock. Lewis and Isaac Paddock are together on the 1850 census in Vernon. In 1864, Elizabeth Paddock applied for a pension as a widow for her deceased husband who died in the American Civil War."

Thus, thanks to Will, we now have a new theory as to the parents of Benjamin Franklin Mabee, a theory that he was essentially an adopted son of John and Hester Mabee and that his birth parents were Lewis and Elizabeth Paddock.

Will continued his email with the following observation: "Benjamin F. Mabee's children are listed as Mabees but are really Paddocks. The children of Benjamin that went by the last name of Mabee were Harold, William B., Everet, Ora, and Helen L. per the 1910 census for Benjamin in Warwick, Orange County, NY. Harold was born in New Milford, NY Nov. 21, 1890 as cited on his WW1 draft registration. Harold Mabee married Minnie Madeline Homebraker June 16, 1915 in Middletown, Orange County, NY. Do you think the descendant of Benjamin know this information that they are not Mabees?"

Will has raised an interesting question. Exactly what makes one a Mabee? In this age of using DNA as a genealogical research tool, do we exclude family members who are adopted or who are descended from adopted ancestors? Or those who were a result of, shall we say, an inconvenient relationship?

Exactly what makes a person a member of a family? Is it only a blood line? Or is it more than that. Isn't our granddaughter Sophia, who was adopted by our son and his wife, just as much a Mabie as our 3 other grandchildren who have the same surname? Isn't it more about the love of two parents raising a child, and the child's love and respect for the parents?

A relative on my maternal (Italian) side, a man in his late 70s, recently had his DNA tested and has now discovered that, according to his results, he has no Italian ancestry at all, while all of his siblings do. Needless to say, this has come as quite a shock to a man with a distinctly Italian surname.

For those who have recently encouraged me to have my own DNA tested, I have a compromise to offer you. As it happens,

one of our daughters has had hers tested through 23andMe. When you eliminate the 25% of her that is due to my 50% Italian (including "Broadly Southern European") genes, what's left is a large percentage of British, Irish and German, a large percentage of "Broadly Northwestern European" and a spattering of Finnish and Scandinavian. Given that Nancy's background is 50% German (Vogel, Ahlers, Buelow, etc.) and a whole lot of English (Floyd, West, Hopkins, Pyle, etc.), it would appear that the Mabie contribution is included in the Broadly Northwestern European category. I'll leave it to you to suggest the possible meanings of this.

I did find some interesting information from these results, under the listing of DNA Relatives. One of the relatives identified is actually a member of the Maybee Society. Lynn Wildrick (MS #407) and I are both descendants of John Peter Mabie (1845 – 1885) and Bessie Berryman. I also recognized the name of one other DNA Relative, a man named Kevin B. Patterson. I have never met or spoken to Kevin, but his name is on a transcription of a family bible record that I was given in the mid-1960s. He is descended from Mary Margaret Mabee, a sister of the above John Peter Mabie. Also, Kevin's great grandfather, James Berryman, was the brother of Bessie Berryman. So, Kevin has two genetic links to Lynn and I.

So, why aren't other members of the Maybee Society listed? According to the report, Kevin Patterson and our daughter share 0.22% on one strand and the lowest of all her DNA Relatives is 0.21%. So apparently, others are simply too far removed for the test to identify. In contrast, our daughter's connection to Lynn was 2.96 on 9 segments.

## Switching Gears

One question comes up frequently from those new to the Maybee Society: Are all Mabees descended from Pieter Casparszen van Naerden? And most are surprised when I answer “No.”

First of all, we know that several Mabey and Maybee Families immigrated to this continent from England during the 1800s. This includes the family of Utah Governor Charles R. Mabey and another English Mabey family that settled in the area of Grimsby, Ontario, Canada.

Two interesting marriage records are found in Frederick County, Maryland: on May 20, 1826, Jane Maybee married Elijah Lilly in Frederick County; and on January 8, 1834, Jonathan Maybee married Mary Tupe. A check of the census records for 1820 finds the following entry:

Head of Household: Jonathan Maybee, with 2 males age 20 – 30, 1 male age 15 – 20, 1 male age 10 – 15, 1 female age 15 – 20, with 3 “foreigners not naturalized”.

Then, 30 years later, in the 1850 census, a fascinating household on page 87, Frederick County:  
Jonathan Maybee, age 54, male, laborer, born in England  
Aimy Lilly, age 45, F, born in Maryland

Indeed, Jonathan Maybee of England requested and was granted US citizenship in 1840.

One very well documented family was in the Town of Ipswich, Massachusetts. The following records are from the First Congregational Church of Ipswich. Thomas Mayby married Sarah Kindden on 4 January 1717 in Ipswich, Essex County,

Massachusetts They baptized the following children:

- 1) Anne Maybee on 11 Jun 1721, died 11 July 1721
- 2) Sarah Maybee on 11 Jun 1721
- 3) Thomas Maybee on 12 Jul 1724
- 4) Elizabeth Maybee on 25 Sep 1726
- 5) Anne Maybee on 3 Mar 1727
- 6) John Maybee on 18 Jul 1731

Son Thomas married first Mary Varrell (intentions June 21, 1746). Mary died August 6, 1747 and Thomas married second Ester Nichollson (int. May 28, 1748). Daughter Elizabeth married William Perkins (int. 25 May 1749, South Church). Daughter Sarah married Philo Lovell (int. Dec. 16, 1749). Daughter Anne married first Ezekiel Hodgkins, Jr. (int. Apr. 21, 1750) and she married second George Harper, of Charlestown, S. C. (int. 13 Jan 1752 South Church). Son John married first Mrs Margaret Robins (int. Mar. 22, 1755) and he married second Deborah Austin (int. 19 Apr 1760 South Church). John and Deborah baptized one child, a son named James on May 15, 1763.

There is also a death record for Thomas Maybee who drowned June 8, 1767. There also exists an independent record, found in Benjamin Franklin’s Pennsylvania Gazette of November 8, 1753:

“Thomas Maybee of Ipswich, fisherman, was found guilty of stabbing a Negro.”

While the identification of this Thomas Maybee remains unconfirmed, it is clear that he is not a descendant of Pieter Casparszen. It is possible that he is the child of John Maby, a weaver, who was baptized on July 1, 1693 in St. Mary Magdelene Church in Ditcheat, Somerset County, England.

Franklin's Pennsylvania Gazette is also a source for (November 28, 1754): "Edward Maybe, English servant, age c. 22, runaway from Jacob Hugg, living in Gloucester Twp., Gloucester Co. (NJ)." This is followed by the May 28, 1758 marriage (from the records of St. Michaelis and Zion Congregation of Philadelphia) of Edward Maybe and Mary Lehman (witnesses: Johann Lehmann, wife Maria Magdalene, Francis Andrews and Reinhardt Uhle). While we have not yet found records of baptisms of any children of this Edward Maybe, he did serve in the 2<sup>nd</sup> New Jersey Regiment during the Revolution. Possible offspring of Edward include a Philadelphia marriage record dated March 28, 1805 between Jacob Lightwood and Hannah Maybe of Byberry Township, Philadelphia County.

### **Hamilton Wright Mabie**

Tommy Shaughnessy (MS #260) sent in this link of interest about Hamilton Wright Mabie by the Summit (NJ) Historical Society:  
<http://www.summithistoricalsociety.org/historian/2016/3/26/hamilton-wright-mabie-a-first-citizen-of-summit>

### **Obituaries**

#### **Fran Van Patter Hindmarsh, MS #160**

Frances Isabel Hindmarsh, passed away peacefully at Fairfield Nursing Home, Wallaceburg, Ontario, on Saturday, April 23, 2016 in her 90th year.

Fran was the daughter of the late George and Isabel (McMillen) Van Patter. Sister of Marion Johnston and the late George, Donald and Gerald Van Patter.

She was survived by her sister Marion, sons Mike and Ian Hindmarsh, and

daughter, Kathy Courneya; as well as grandchildren and great grandchildren

She owned and operated a sewing shop in Aylmer prior to returning to teachers college and becoming a teacher/department head of "Home Economics" at East Elgin High School.

Her hobbies included sewing, painting, gardening and she was an avid bird watcher, but her passion was genealogy. She joined the Maybee Society ([www.maybeesociety.org](http://www.maybeesociety.org)) in the early 1990's, sharing her research on the descendants of Catherine Mabie (1768 - >1851) and Nicholas John Van Patten (1769 - 1819)

Fran was a mentor to Jerry W. Wilson in the Van Patten genealogy, who took over Fran's hard work through his ongoing website, Van Patten Ancestry, [www.vanpattenancestry.com](http://www.vanpattenancestry.com)

He writes about her, "Fran (Van Patter) Hindmarsh was the sole person who had the patience, knowledge and expertise to compile the various 'V.P.' families into an easy to understand genealogy book with an accompanying index of individual persons to page number for an easy look up. Fran was the first 'V.P.' family genealogist to incorporate the use of a home computer to compile, collate and organize the various and extensive written family records and photos. Fran produced and published three truly updated books called *Van Patten* before her total retirement in 2005, due to health reasons. Because of her love and enjoyment of 'V.P.' ancestry, she charged not a penny more than the price of her costs for these books!!! What a great human being !!! Thousands, if not tens of thousands of hours were spent by Fran to make each of her *Van Patten* books into what they are - - Simply Fantastic !!!"

### **Zina Maybee, MS #28**

Zina Limb Maybee entered this world on July 31, 1939 in Teasdale, Utah and returned home on January 31, 2018 in Layton, Utah. Zina was born to Melbrum Van Limb and Velda Heaps and grew up in Cedar City, Utah. She married the love of her life, William Lawrence Maybee, on March 11, 1960 in the St. George Temple and together they raised eight children.

Zina had a deep love for her LDS faith, family and many friends. She and Bill called several cities home, including Everett, WA; Mission and Winner, SD; Rexburg, ID; Ogden, Logan, Altamont, Green River, Bountiful, Farmington and Layton, UT.

Zina is survived by her sisters, Everal Bowler and Carolyn Thorderson (Chad); her children, Gordon Maybee (Celia), Janice Gomez (Gabriel), Scott Maybee (Kim), Robert Maybee (Carolynn), Lori Reagan (Richard), Annette Pham (Truyen), Margerita Maybee, and Mary Ellen Martinez (Tony); 27 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She is now reunited with her beloved Bill; parents and stepmother, Marjorie Russon Buckley Limb; siblings, Zola Skallan and Alan Limb; and grandson, Travis Maybee.

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### **Pauline E. Sanders, MS #394**

It is with sadness that the Maybee Society belatedly learned of the death of member Pauline E. Sanders, wife of Myron Sanders, a WWII veteran of the US Navy. Pauline (1926 – 2016) is buried in Riverside National Cemetery.

### **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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