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The President's Corner

Dear Cousins,

Number one, I need to update you on the Hamilton tour! They did call us last minute to fit us in. It was very informative and the grandchildren soaked it in.

Number two, I wanted everyone to know that Cousin Barbara Kineke of the South Valley branch, had an eventful summer. She donated a kidney to her son Mike. Both are doing well now! Way to go with literal gene sharing Barb!

Number three, back to extended families and their cemeteries in this upstate NY area. After discussing the Slingerland Family Cemetery, I started researching many of the other family cemeteries connected with the Mabee/Maybee/Mabie/Mabey branches. There is a whole list of them! I had no idea of all the small family burial grounds in the area. New York state law says that if a cemetery like that has been abandoned, i.e., all the descendants have moved away, that the towns are obligated to care for them. I just went through a multiyear process of working with our town's people in moving some stones from an old van Patten mini

cemetery, near the town dump. I was quite satisfied in how they handled it, and felt it was a very appropriate resolution. So a listing of many of the original names from Schenectady, connections to Jan's branch are Peck, Peek, Truax, van Patten, van Petten, van Eps, van Slyke, van Vechten, van Voast, Vedder, Veeder, Visscher, Vrooman, Yates, Wemple, and Glen/Sanders.

From Caspar's branches there seems to be quite a few under the names Blauvelt, Bogart, and Conklin.

There is also a Mabie farm cemetery in Sullivan, Madison county New York. It is interesting, of the 2 stones listed, one is a Van Antwerp but no Mabie! There is a Mabie family cemetery in Portageville, Wyoming County, New York with 4 stones and 3 are Mabies (Daniel G. Mabie, his wife Rachel Booth Mabie, and Harriet Mabie, daughter of Elias). And lastly, an abandoned Gunter-Maybee cemetery, in Murray, Northumberland, Ontario, Canada. The funny thing is, in researching this, I found a small Vrooman cemetery right in Niskayuna that is not yet on Find A Grave.

So as the saying goes, no good deed goes unpunished. I now have more work.

Finally, this past weekend our son-in-law Joseph Hope was inducted into the Ithaca College Athletic Hall of Fame. Our daughter and his wife Amanda received the same honor 10 years ago!!

Kim Mabee
President

Research Update

By Steve Mabee
Vice-President

We continue to encourage those of you who find new information on your families to let us know about it. For the last edition, we had a submittal by Edward Maby (MS #75) on Harriet A. Mabee (#1168). For this edition, Harmon Hurren (MS #416) has submitted his new research on:

Abigail Mabee (#1294)

First some background. Abigail Mabee was born April 26, 1814, the daughter of Oliver Mabee and his wife, Mary Smith. We knew all along that Abigail married David Cowan on May 7, 1836 at Walsingham, Norfolk County, Upper Canada. And we had previously identified her in the 1861 Canadian census with her second husband, David Bone, in Lansdown Township, Leeds County, Ontario. But we had no information at all about any possible Cowan or Bone children from either marriage. Through his research, Harmon has added 4 Cowan children and one Bone child to our extended family.

1. Oliver David Cowan, born 1838 in Gananoque to David Cowan and Abigail Cowan. His marriage record says he is the son of David and Abigail Cowan, married

Julia Eliza Britton 19 Sep 1861 in Leeds, Ontario. In the 1861 census, he is O. D. Cowan, 24, living with his sister, Jane, 21, and her husband, Freeman Britton, 25, their son, Albert, 4, and Collin Cowan, 19 (another brother). Oliver D. Cowan died 9 Oct 1896 in Gananoque.

2. Jane Narcissa Cowan, born abt 1840. She is Jane Britton, 21, in the 1861 census (married to Freeman Britton, referenced above); Jane Button (Britton), 31, in the 1871 census - married to Freeman Button with Albert, 13, Byron, 10, Mary, 8, and George, 5; Narcissa Britton in the 1881 census, 41, with Freeman, 45, Albert, 24, Byron, 20, Laura, 18, George, 15, and Nannie, 7. Jane Cowan is listed as their mother in the marriage records of Byron Oliver, Mary Laura, and Annie as well as in the death record of Albert Freeman Britton.

3. David Colin Cowan, born 11 Apr 1842 in Gananoque. A Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register lists David Colin Cowan, born 11 Apr 1842 in Pittsburgh, baptized 22 Aug 1846 in Gananoque, father is David Cowan, mother is Abigail. He is Colin Cowan in the 1861 census (referenced above), Colin Cowan in the 1881 census, born 1842 in Ontario, married, living with Harriet Cowan, 40, Edith, 16, Freeman, 13, Pauline, 5, and Julia, 1. Census record shows Edith and Freeman born in USA, others in Ontario. Rosie Lappin, 18, is living with them as a servant. David Colin Cowan is listed in the birth and marriage record of Shirley Britton Cowan (she was born 1882).

4. Finally, there is a Find a Grave record of Margaret A Cowan, born May 1841, died 12 Jul 1842; daughter of David Cowan and Abigail Mabee. She is buried in Vittoria Baptist Cemetery in Vittoria, Norfolk, Ontario.

After the death of David Cowan, Abigail married David Bone (Bowen in one census). In the 1861 census record which is included in the Society listing, she is with David Bone. Also listed are David Bone, 18, b in Scotland, Elin, 16, Margrit, 11, and Mary, 5. It is possible that David is David Colin Cowan (birth year matches, but he wasn't born in Scotland – could be census taker error since David Bone, the father, is b in Scotland), and Mary is Mary Isabella Cowan (listed next), but I have no idea who Elin and Margrit are. The 1871 census lists David Bone, 59, Abigail Bone, 57, and Mary Bone, 15.

5. Mary Isabella Bone, born January, 1856 in Gananoque. Her marriage record lists Mary Isabella Bone, 22, daughter of David Bone and Abigail Maybee, married Charles Byron Rogers, 24, married 20 March 1878 in Gananoque. Mary Isabella and Charles are listed as parents in the birth records of Elizabeth May, Edith Mable, and Arthur Nelson. The 1901 Leeds census lists Charles B. and Mary I. Rogers with Elizabeth M., Edith M., and Arthur N.D. Rogers

Switching Gears Again

I recently was asked if there was anything new on a possible link between our family and either the Van Norden or Van Orden families. The short answer is no, and the longer answer is that there will not be anything new. The existing research, primarily conducted by Ethel K. Kolenut in 1997, was dispositive in this respect. Ethel proved that the progenitor of the Van Norden family was Pieter Wesselszen, who married Josyntje Jans on 19 May 1669 in the New York City Dutch Reformed Church. Ethel also showed that the progenitor of the Van Orden family was Jan Van Orden and his wife Lysbeth

Andries Rees. The Van Orden family is found in the New York Lutheran Church records and the Hackensack and Schraalenburg church Records in Bergen County, New Jersey, in the exact same time frame that the records of Jan Pieterse Mabee and Anna Borsboom are found in Schenectady. The error which originally connected all of these families was made by Edward C. Marshall and promulgated in published works by Sarah Adelaide Mabee and Theodore Van Norden in the 1920s.

The one family that is directly connected to ours is the Tietsoort Family, with modern spellings Titsworth, Ditsworth and Teachout, all descended from Willem Tietsoort, the half-brother of Jan and Caspar.

The Upcoming Maybee Society Reunion

As many of you know, the Maybee Society has been sponsoring a family reunion every 5 years at the Jan Mabee Farm in Rotterdam Junction, NY. The next reunion will be held in 2020. While we have not yet picked the date, mid-July is the norm. Please pencil this into your long range planners. We would encourage as many of you as possible to attend. There will be more information in upcoming Communicators.

A New Addition

Peter Johnson (MS #11) writes to tell us about a new addition to our extended family. Parker Wyatt Johnson, born 20 August 2018, Oshawa, Ontario, son of Laura (Blake) and Philip W. Johnson, a brother for Patrick and another grandson of Angela and Peter Johnson. Parker is a

double Maybee descendant via Capt. Abraham Maybee, U.E.

Annual South Valley Reunion

As noted in the last Communicator, the South Valley Branch of the Mabie Family (descendants of William and Sophia Mabie) was to hold the 94th Annual Mabie Reunion on July 8, 2018. Cousin Barb Kineke is the historian of that branch, and usually she would have sent a photo and news from the reunion. But, as Kim noted above, Barb has been sidelined this summer helping her son with a kidney transplant. Thankfully, Barb is doing well in her recovery.

If anyone else has news or a group photo from this year's reunion, please send it in and we will include it in the next issue.

Obituaries

Roberta G Holden Mabee (ID #21134)

Roberta G. Mabee, age 80, of Middletown passed away Monday, August 20, 2018 at Sapphire Nursing and Rehab of Goshen, NY. Roberta was born December 4, 1937 in Middletown, NY. She is the daughter of the late Kenneth and Annette (Bischoff) Holden. She was married to Nicholas Mabee for 61 years.

Roberta was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She graduated from Middletown High School in 1955. She loved to be around children, and after her own children were grown she worked at Orange Ulster Boces in Goshen, NY in the childcare program. She will be remembered for her love of camping, hiking, going to the beach, and spending time outdoors. Roberta will also be remembered for her cooking and baking, especially her pies on

holidays. She is survived by her husband, Nicholas Mabee; her five children: Brian Mabee and wife, Ammy of Sunnyvale, CA and their sons: Nicholas and Michael; Keith Mabee and wife, Anne of Sparrowbush, NY; Wendi Mabee and wife, Colleen of Tuscon, AZ; Matthew Mabee and wife, Lorraine of Westtown, NY and their sons: Aaron, Evan and Kyle; and Brenda Kurth and husband, Fred of Greenville, NY and their sons Quentin and Ryan; and her sister and brother-in-law, Eleonore and William Scott.

(Times Herald Record, Middletown, NY, Sep 4, 2018)

William H. Mabey (ID# 38142)

William H. (Bill) Mabey Jr, 78, of Merrimac [Mass], beloved husband of Patricia A. (Cody) Mabey, passed away peacefully on August 25 in Haverhill.

Born in Beverly, he was the son of the late William H. Mabey Sr. and Alice T. (Collins). He was raised and spent several years working in Portsmouth, N.H. Mabey served in the United States Marine Corps from 1958 until being honorably discharged in 1968.

Mabey was a well-known successful, hard-working businessman in Haverhill and was very active in the community. For many years he owned and operated Bill's Exxon in Monument Square as well as Mabey's Liquors at the Riverside Plaza. Even after his retirement he was very active, most recently delivering parts for a local car dealership. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. Along with spending time with family and friends, Mabey also enjoyed attending his grandchildren's sporting events, fishing, golfing, camping at Salisbury State Reservation, and traveling

across country. He also loved his garden, especially growing his tomatoes.

He leaves his wife of 23 years Patricia A. (Cody) Mabey, of Merrimac, a son William H. Mabey III and his wife, Cynthia, of Tampa, Fla., two daughters Cheryl M. Cleary and her husband Atty. John G. Cleary, of Groveland, and Susan M. Heroux and her husband Pierre, of Burlington, Vt., stepchildren Kathleen M. Silveira, of Methuen, Michael D. Clohisy and his wife, Rachel, of West Newbury and Catherine M. MacDonald and her husband, Scott, of Discovery Bay, Calif. He also leaves 17 grandchildren William H. Mabey IV, Jeffrey M. Mabey, John B. Cleary, James W. Cleary, Peter S. Cleary, Melina Heroux, Eve L. Heroux, Pierre Jean-Claude Heroux, Sean M. Clohisy, Jack E. Clohisy, George D. Clohisy, Joseph M. Silveira, Richard K. Silveira, Samantha K. Silveira, Makayla S. MacDonald, Marykate E. MacDonald, and Scott M. MacDonald, great-grandchildren Avery, Liam and Julianna, sisters Nancy Gobbi and her husband, Joseph, of Portsmouth, N.H., and Betty Jean Eaton and her husband Roger, of East Berwick, Maine. He was predeceased by his sister, Carolyn "Cookie" Watson, and stepson Kevin Clohisy.

Rear Page Picture

The rear page is a scan of a post card of the D. W. Mabee House in Saratoga Springs, NY, circa 1910. I also have postcards of another Mabee House in Eastport, Maine.

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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