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The President's Corner

Dear Cousins,

A couple of small updates. After researching and finding more work to be done, the Vrooman Family Burial Ground of Niskayuna NY has been uploaded to FindaGrave with all the photos I could decipher. It can be accessed at:

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2674022/vrooman-cemetery>

And the Mabey Bishop Farm Cemetery of Westerloo, NY has also been uploaded with a start on photos. It is at:

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2674256/mabey-bishop-farm-burying-ground>

I think we should have an occasional piece in our newsletter to spotlight different family members now and then. The one I have in mind for today is Ken Mabey of Windham, NY. He has done our name and family proud through the years. Ken is now 81 and is a retired high school teacher and coach. He has devoted his time to volunteer work, not only to his community, but also to the family. He served on the committee to help preserve a church (now at Cooperstown) and maintained this Mabey Cemetery for many, many years, mostly by himself. Ken has also attended all of our

Maybee Society Family Reunions. Thank you Ken!

Christmas in Schenectady



This is the second year that we have had a small decorated Christmas tree to represent our Maybee Society Family at the Schenectady County Historical Society Festival of Trees in the month of

December. This year we did a 4 foot silver tree all in delft ornaments! I put Sinter Claas on top, and had numerous others, blue spheres, and then wound a Royal blue ribbon for garland. I even made a delft tree skirt to match. (photo above)

In addition, the staff at the society/farm created a tree of Mrs. Mabee! I had to laugh because they actually have the skirt and short coat on it that I made and wore while making butter for the school programs for 10 years!



Finally, check out this link out on Heather Mabee, Regent of the Saratoga DAR Chapter leading a commemoration of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. It made several of the local papers!

https://www.saratogian.com/news/pearl-harbor-remembered-at-congress-park-in-saratoga-springs/article_873b4054-fa64-11e8-afcf-772da60e0441.html

Kim Mabee
President

Research Update

By Steve Mabee
Vice-President

It seems like political news has been dominating the media, and not always for the better. So, I thought it might be a good idea to focus on three members of our family who successfully ventured into politics during the nineteenth century when (we like to think) things were more civil.

This is not to ignore the many family members who have served in various local elected offices, such as mayors and council persons. I myself was once elected to the local school board almost 40 years ago when we lived in northwest New Jersey. But that is not comparable to winning a seat in the state legislature.

The first successful politician in our family was Simon Mabee of the Town of Charleston who was elected in 1812 to the New York State Assembly as a representative for Montgomery County. Simon was the youngest son of John Mabee and Alida Toll. Simon's first wife was Gazina Visscher, the daughter of Colonel Frederick Visscher, a hero of the Battle of Oriskany. Gazina died in 1806 and Simon married Susanna Nexson Warner, the widow of George Warner in 1811. After serving his term of office, Simon and Susanna moved to New York City, living for a time in both Westchester County and in Connecticut.

Roughly 20 years later, Cornelius Mabee of the Town of Palatine was also elected to the New York State Legislature as a representative of Montgomery County. Cornelius was a son of Abraham Mabee and Anna Van Alstyne and he married Elizabeth Fox in 1812. He was a merchant in Palatine for almost 20 years when he was

elected. Elizabeth died while Cornelius was serving in office and he married Maria Gross in 1839. Cornelius served several terms in the Legislature.

Henry Mabie of Patterson, NY, a son of Sylvester Mabie and Charlotte Hetherington, was the third member of our family to serve in the New York State Legislature. He married Maria Adrianna Ives in 1871 and was elected as a representative of Putnam County in 1885.

I also should recognize Charles R. Mabey who was elected the Governor of Utah in 1920. However, Charles was not a descendant of Pieter Casparszen van Naerden. Rather, Charles' parents emigrated from England in the 1860s.

On the lighter side, I was once prodded to run for a position in the student government while attending my Alma Mater, Midwestern State University, in Wichita Falls, TX. I agreed on the condition that the only campaign poster I would allow was one that read "Undecided? Vote Mabie". I won.

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 is scheduled to be held in 2020. While a date has not yet been selected, mid-July is the norm.

It is with sadness that I must inform you that, due to recent actions by the New York State Legislature and the Governor of New York that, as a personal form of protest, I

will not again set foot in the State of New York until such time as their actions are reversed. With that in mind, if anyone is interested in offering an alternative site for a Mabie Family Reunion during the summer of 2020, I would be very willing to attend if invited. Perhaps Canada?

94th Annual South Valley Reunion

The 94th Annual Mabie Reunion was held Sunday, July 8, 2018 at the home of Roy and Janine Dykeman in Fultonville, NY. It was a sunny beautiful day with 27 relatives meeting together.

Charley Brodie opened with thanks and a blessing for the food. As always a very delicious and varied assortment of foods was awaiting us. A huge thank you to Roy and Janine for supplying hamburgers and hotdogs along with a choice of beverages for the group.



After dinner Mick Kineke took the annual family group picture. Thanks to Mick for doing this every year and making them available to us.

Bob Mabie chaired the meeting

Births this year 6

Deaths 4
High school graduations 1
College graduations 2
Marriages 5

The oldest member present was Elliot Brodie 93 years and 10 months.
Youngest member present was Jonathan Bach 13 years and 10 months, son of Bryan Bach and Tammy Bach Martone. The member traveling the farthest was Michael Todd from Spain. Most members from one branch was from the Hanson Mabie line 13 present

Next year's reunion will be at Mick and Barb Kineke's home in Mohawk, NY on July 14th at 1:00 PM

An update was asked for on Mike Kineke's kidney transplant. Barb said he was doing well at present after a couple of minor problems. He goes back every 2 weeks to be checked. It looks like everything is going well for him. Barb said she is doing very well also.

The Dutch and New Netherland

Our president, Kim Mabee, recommends the pod cast by WAMC entitled "The Dutch and New Netherland" which can be found at:

<https://wamcpodcasts.org/podcast/the-dutch-and-new-netherland/>

Scholarship Opportunity

For those with Truax Family ancestry, Kim Mabee also reports that there are

scholarships available through Scholarship America and the Truax family February 15-March 30 for the plant/animal/agriculture fields. If anyone is going into those fields, please contact Kim.

Remembering Our Ancestors in Style

This year, when May 4, 2019, rolls around, and you have the desire to celebrate the anniversary of the date that Pieter Casparszen and Barent Kool were sworn in as the official wine and beer carriers for Nieuw Amsterdam, we have a suggestion for doing so in style. It has recently come to our attention that Fredericton, New Brunswick, is now the home of the Maybee Brewery. From their web site:

ABOUT THE MAYBEE BREWERY

In February 2016 we opened the doors of our 10 barrel brewery in Fredericton, New Brunswick. We are style-agnostic, but love hoppy American Ales, Belgian beers and coming up with new things, especially those featuring local ingredients.

Our beers are available in New Brunswick liquor stores in 16 oz cans, in draught at some of your favorite craft beer bars in Fredericton, as well as at Maybee's Beer Store by the growler, keg or can. We also have a large tap room where you can sit down and enjoy flights or pints with a view of the production floor.

More information is available at:
<http://www.maybeebrew.com/>

or

CALL ME, MAYBEE
506-450-BREW

We are not sure if they can ship to the states, but this sounds like something that needs to be included in any new trade agreement, doesn't it?

The Next Communicator

The next Issue of the Communicator is due out during the month of April. Please be aware that there is a good chance that it may be a couple of weeks late. Nancy and I are scheduled for a nice vacation starting in March and going through the first few weeks of April. We will be on a river cruise beginning in Zurich, sailing the Rhine and ending in Paris.

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.

Who We Are:

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Christmas on the Mabee Farm



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