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The President's Corner

Dear Cousins,

The Mabie/South Valley reunion was held Sunday July 14th at the Barb and Mick Kineke home. There was a nice gathering and lots of visiting and catching up for their annual reunion! And there was great food and fun! Gary and I enjoyed ourselves, and all made us feel most welcome!

On Saturday July 27th I attended a field trip by my Schenectady DAR Chapter. It was a walking tour of the historic area of Slingerlands and to the family vault that is in the process of restoration. Their historian Susan Leach, did a nice job talking and telling us the history. We learned a lot! So those of you descend from that line may want to contribute. They are always in need! <https://www.slingerlandvault.org/>

For the spotlight on cousins/members, I would like to tell you about Tim and Heather Mabee. They belong to many, many genealogical organizations, donating their time and expertise especially to the DAR and SAR. They mark, clean, and repair many gravestones and cemeteries among the myriad of official tasks as a member and officer of those organizations.

Tim of course, is our cousin, a descendant of Simon Mabee and Susanna Nexsen Warner. Tim actually roped Gary and I into cleaning and repairing the Visscher/Mabee cemetery at Danascara (Fonda NY) a number of years ago in 85 degree heat in November! Heather Mabee's mother recently passed away. We would like to express our condolences. MaryLou Whitney was known as the grand dame of Saratoga. The Governor even came and designated a pavilion to be built, and the entryway named in her honor at the famous historic race track.

Speaking of marking graves, my grand plan is that during the Reunion next year (every 5 years) we have our local Schenectady DAR Chapter come and have the unveiling of our 2 revolutionary War soldier's markers. This is in conjunction of the upcoming 250th celebrations that will be happening across the country in 2026. I am sure we will all be hearing a lot more about it in the near future. But I am asking for your help. The small Bronze plaques cost \$400 each now, and we have 2 patriots in the farm cemetery, Cornelius and John. The chapter does not have a large budget and most is annually committed to other awards

and items. So I was hoping as Chapter Historian, to raise some dollars toward getting them made up this winter. It is a process that I have already set in motion. I had to get permission from the Schenectady County Historical Society first, that happened at our board meeting September 18th (we were squabbling over ranks of the patriots to get the wording correct) and then I am sending the entire packet of documentation/proof to National Headquarters in Washington DC for approval, before I can even order them. Then, Gary is willing to set them in concrete in front of each stone. So, a 3 way partnership is being formed if you are willing! If you can, please send a contribution to our chapter treasurer Tracey Hogle, at 134 Ashdown Road, Ballston Lake, NY 12019-2337.

Cousin Ken Mabey emailed me a couple weeks ago that he was being ambassador to a visiting cousin from Seattle. Polly Davin came to research and find where ancestors were buried in Greene County. She is also a descendent of Caspar also. They had a fun time going to cemeteries and researching! And one other item that happened this weekend was, another cousin was awarded the NY State History Teacher of the year award at the NY State DAR Conference. But that will be my next letter spotlight with pictures etc! Just too much info all at once.

Sincerely,
Kim Mabee
President

Research Update

By Steve Mabie
Vice-President

Sometimes new information just falls into your lap from unexpected sources. That is

exactly what happened to me earlier this month.

The San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society was preparing for an upcoming seminar and, as president, I had to contact our speaker, Dr. Michael D. Lacopo, who was flying in from Indiana and finalize his travel arrangements. I was not prepared for his reply.

It turns out that Mike had recently uncovered a new branch in his personal ancestry that led to a family in the Mohawk Valley. Specifically, one of Mike's ancestors is a Gerrit VanSlyck who was baptized in the Schenectady Reformed Church in 1729. The surprise came when Mike told me that he was fairly certain that he had identified the previously unidentified wife of this Gerrit VanSlyck as a member of the Mabee Family.

Astute observers will observe that in the Mabee Society Tree there is already a Gerrit VanSlyck who married Anna Mabee, daughter of Joseph Mabee. As it happens, this Gerrit was born in 1767, a son of earlier Gerrit VanSlyck and his unknown wife. Thus this second couple are a full generation apart from the Gerrit that Mike is researching.

Over the next two weeks, we exchanged information which led me to have a high level of confidence in the breadth of Mike's research and the quality of his analysis.

Mike's proof relating to his ancestors is very well done but it is also irrelevant to this article. Suffice it to say that he demonstrates that the senior Gerret VanSlyck and his wife had a family of 7 children:

1. Martin, b.c. 1753;

2. Jacobus, b.c. 1756;
3. Lena, b.c. 1758;
4. Engeltje, b.c. 1760;
5. George, b.c. 1762;
6. Nicholas born October 20, 1764, baptized Oct. 24, 1764 (Stone Arabia Reformed Church); and
7. Gerrit, born August 30, 1767, baptized Sep. 14, 1767 (Stone Arabia Reformed Church).

Mike's ancestor in this family is Engeltje (Angelica) who married Jacob Shaver on June 11, 1782.

So, what exactly is known about the unknown wife? Well, the one answer that is easy to ascertain is that her first name was Echje. This name is found in the 1764 baptism record of her child Nicholas in the Stone Arabia Reformed Church.

If this name looks familiar to Maybee Society members, it should. Or at least variations of that name. Echje is one of several variations that appear in the old Dutch Church records. Other variations include Aechtje, Achtje, Aecht, Aeche, Achien, Eegfe, Eggie and Egien. Now, here is the odd part about this name. Dutch scholars will tell you that the name Aecht is Dutch for the English name Agatha. But for some reason, in the Maybee Family, people who appear in records with these variations were never named Agatha. Instead, they were always named Eve or Eva. Think Jan's daughter Eve Mabee who married Cornelius Slingerlandt. Or Eva the daughter of Peter Van Antwerpen and Engeltje Mabee, or Eva Claussen, the wife of Bartholomew Pickert and the mother of Dorothy Pickert.

So where are we going with all of this? As it happens, there is one particular Achien Mabee for whom absolutely nothing is

known except for the fact that she was born and baptized in 1730, the daughter of Jan Pieterse Mabee and Dorothy Pickert.

Note that this Achien (or perhaps Eve) would be a sister of Joseph Mabee, whose daughter Dorothy married Peter Marsh.

Which brings us to Mike's ancestor, Jacob Shaver and his wife Angelica (or Engeltje) VanSlyck. In 1848, Jacob was asked to provide a deposition to support a claim for the descendants of Peter Marsh and Dorothy Mabee. This deposition is found in the files under the Marsh pension request. Jacob was asked simply to support the fact that Peter Marsh had married Dorothy Mabee. Jacob stated that he "well remembered the time of his (Peter's) marriage to Dorothy, who bore the maiden name Mabee, *and was a cousin to the wife of this deponent.*"

So, according to Jacob's deposition, his wife, Engeltje VanSlyck Shaver, was a cousin of Dorothy Mabee Marsh.

How can this be? We know that Dorothy's parents were Joseph Masbee and Catherine Schuyler, and we also know that Engeltje's parents were Gerrit VanSlyck and his unknown wife Echtje (MS #5195). There are no known links between Gerrit VanSlyck's ancestors and either the Mabee or Schuyler Families, so the only logical conclusion is that the relationship is between Echtje VsanSlyck and either the Mabee or Schuyler Families.

There are no known females on the Schuyler side with the name Eve. But we do have exactly one Eve on the Mabee side that has never been identified beyond her birth, and that is Achien (MS #5128), Joseph Mabee's sister.

So, we have a possible solution to the puzzle of Echje VanSlyck, and that is she was the daughter of Jan Pieterse Mabee and Dorothy Pickert, baptized in 1730.

Does this constitute a proof? Not in and of itself, but knowing that there is a possible solution to the puzzle goes a long way. Mike has more to add to this, but that is his story. For now, I'll welcome him into the Maybee Society and look forward to reading more about his research.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Robert John Mabee son of Craig and Penny Mabee of Binghamton New York who recently won the 2019 Club Championship at Geneganslet Golf Club in Greene New York.

Also, Preston Wilder JOHNSON was born 11 Sept. 2019 in Oshawa, ON. Son of Philip and Laura (BLAKE) JOHNSON and grandson of Angela & Peter JOHNSON. A brother for Patrick and Parker. Preston is a double descendant of Capt. Abraham MAYBEE UE.

The 95th South Valley Mabee Family Reunion

The 95th Annual Mabee Reunion was held on Sunday, July 14, 2019 at the home of Mick and Barb Kineke in Mohawk, N.Y.

It was a beautiful sunny day with 42 in attendance. Those attending were from: Niagara Falls NY, Mohawk NY, Scotia NY, McGraw NY, South New Berlin NY, New Berlin NY, Gloversville NY, Balston Spa NY, Amsterdam NY, Oneonta NY, South Valley NY, Douglas MA, Centerville PA and Meadville PA.

Mick Kineke took the annual family photo, after which Charley Brodie asked the Lord's blessing on the meal. As always, we had a wonderful and varied selection of delicious food to choose from.

After the meal, tickets were purchased for those wanting to participate in the Chinese Auction. We received a total of \$283.00 for the auction. There were 13 unique baskets donated this year. Winners of the baskets were; 1 basket each, Gary Mabee, Kim Mabee, Jonny Bach, Marsha Mabee, Margaret Mabee, Renee Merolli and Barb Kineke. Winners of 2 baskets each were Frank Brodie, Tiffany Mabee, Claire Kineke and Gina Bateman.

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Mabee. During the past year there were 7 births, 3 deaths and no marriages recorded.

Carol and Frank Brodie reported that at the Altamont Fair there is a Farmhouse Museum which contains glassed in cases with history of the Mabee Farm in Rotterdam Jct. In the Farm Machinery Museum there are also various pieces of farm machinery that had belonged to Gifford Mabee, which he donated to the fair. In the Chapel, there's the Estey Organ, from about 1875-1880, that originally belonged to Louisa Tillapaugh Mabee who was married to Arba Mabee.

NEXT YEAR'S REUNION the 2020 reunion will be at the Mabee Farm combined with the nationwide one that is held every 5 years or so. It will be on Sunday, July 12, 2020 at noon. We need to bring desserts, same as we usually do. We will also be combining with them for a Chinese Auction. The proceeds going to the Mabee Farm.

Data Base Update

From John MayBee:

Dan Burrows of Orange County, NY, has been sending me screenshots of hundreds of obits and newspaper articles, that I have been transcribing and entering into our database(158 pages so far). When he's not keeping me busy, I'm going through our database, updating and adding people. I'm trying to at least enter the children and spouse of all Mabie females.

REUNION 2020

Next year we are planning the reunion for Sunday July 12th at noon at the Mabee Farm Pavilion and meeting room. We will do it like the 2015 one, in that the South Valley folks have agreed to bring salads and desserts and we will provide cold cuts and rolls and drinks for your \$5 fee. Those of you who come from far away and would like to do something on Saturday, please let me know if you have preferences and I can arrange that. For example, I can do tours of the historic stockade, Vale Cemetery, Schoharie Crossing, or any of the places of interest in the area. Many of you have been here before so may have already seen many of them. There are several tours both around Schenectady and Albany lately (Schuyler House) pertaining to Hamilton and Eliza if you like, but you have to sign up way in advance. Or perhaps we could arrange a special group thing. Please let Kim know of your interest of something in particular so I can research it and make arrangements in time!

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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Ken Mabey and Polly Davin



Tim Mabee (with the American Flag) and Heather Mabee (far right)