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The President's Corner

Dear Cousins,

I hope this finds you all well! Crazy times we are living in! Worry, worry! I just have some odds and ends to clean up this quarter.

First, please let me know at kimandgarymabee@gmail.com if you are planning to attend the Maybee Society Reunion on Sunday, July 12th. That way, I can keep a list of names and emails, in case there are changes in plans and I need to contact everyone quickly! Thank you! Don't forget, bring your \$5 payment, if you are not a member of the South Valley Mabie Descendants. The society will supply the cold cuts, rolls, paper products, and drinks! The South Valley group will bring salads and desserts! If you would like, bring a themed basket of goodies to be included in the auction. And if you would like to see other family-related sites of interest in the area on Saturday, July 11th, please let me know. I will be available.

Second, I stumbled across a little snippet by Ashley Gilreath, "I Am, Who They Were." I thought it should be shared.

Third, a history friend (Laura, the historian of the Schenectady Reformed Church) found a book written by an archeologist friend, who Laura used to work with down in Bergen, NJ. She got me a copy because it has info about the Willem Tietsoort line! The title is "The Dutch, the Indians, and the Quest for Copper: Pahaquarry and the Old Mine Road" by Herbert C. Kraft. Willem is listed on three pages. The first reference is about him being a blacksmith and being invited to live among the natives. It includes dates of his deed and land request – 1698 and 1700. The land was called Shaikaeckamick, meaning "in an elbow." The "elbow" was the confluence of the Delaware and Mahackamack Rivers. Willem Tietsoort is considered the first white settler of the Minisink region. He stayed until 1713, when he sold his two parcels of land to Jan Decker and moved back to Dutchess County.

Fourth, I want to let you know that I am going off the board of the Schenectady County Historical Society as of this month. I have been involved with the board since I first began volunteering in January 1993, when George Franchere donated the farm to the historical society. I have been a

member of the board from April 1999 through April 2020. I served as President from 2004-2006. The historical society has undergone many changes during that time. We went from operating with volunteers and a part-time librarian and maintenance man to a paid full-time staff of six with an executive director! Oh, well, such is life! Gary and I are so busy with grandchildren and other commitments. I got to attend the DAR 250th Commemoration of the Boston Massacre on March 5th. Gary and I had a wonderful dinner with Tim and Heather Mabee at the historic Parker House Hotel (now the Omni) and the wreath laying by the DAR President General. Perhaps you caught it on your national news.

Fifth, I wanted to mention that 2020 is the bicentennial of both the towns of Rotterdam and Glenville, where the Mabee family has lived for a couple hundred years! Both towns are planning many events to celebrate these milestones.

And lastly, I would like to spotlight both Peter and Angela Johnson of Ontario, Canada. They have devoted many years to history and research. Peter is a Loyalist reenactor and comes south to the US to participate in various battles. I believe Angela is a double descendant. Like Gary and me, they have been busy with their newly-minted grandchildren. Peter has contributed a number of articles and information to the Communicator through the years. Thank you, Angela and Peter!

Sincerely,
Kim Mabee
President

Research Update

By Steve Mabee
Vice-President

Last July the Maybee Society was contacted by Elva Kathleen Lyon, Ph. D. She told us that she had just returned from research in the Netherlands, and that it was possible that she "stumbled upon your family's origin in the new archive at Tiel." Needless to say, this statement got my attention.

I've often told people that in searching European archives, we needed to find a man named Caspar who had a son named Pieter who would have been born sometime between (roughly) 1610 and 1625. This is exactly what Dr. Lyon seems to have done. It took a while for her to translate the documents she had found during her trip to Europe and it was in mid-February that she sent me a summary of what she found, relative to our family.

The records that Dr. Lyon has uncovered are, as I understand it, similar to probate records in that they dealt with property and the heirs who had inherited that property. Specifically, the property had been that of a man named Pieter Casparsen (also written as Jasparsen) whose wife may have been Metje. This Pieter had 5 children:

- Caspar Petersen who may have been married to Marritin. They had a son named Peter (presumably our Pieter) and they also had another child who died and was buried at St. Jacob Reformed Dutch Church in Utrecht on September 24, 1632 (Utrecht burial records). It is also possible that Caspar had a number of daughters, namely Griet Gaspars, wife of Alert

Albertsen, Anna Caspars, wife of Roelof Thonis and Lyntgen Jaspars, widow of Willem Jansen van Hermont.

- Maijken Peters, who married Jan Hendricksen and had a son Hendrick
- Jacob Petersen who had a daughter Liensche Jacobs who married Dirck van Oever van Zaltbommel
- Anna Peters who married Laurens Willems van Iseren
- Marcelis Petersen who married Jannetje and had a son Peter Marcelissen who came to New Netherland in the spring of 1661 with his wife and three children, ages 6, 4 and 2.

So, what we have is a family group with the correct names in the correct time frame. But at the same time, there are inconsistencies. Are they our ancestors? Clearly, much more research is required. Dr. Lyon more or less dismisses the lack of a connection to Naarden by stating her opinion that "van Naerden" did not mean that Pieter was physically ever there but rather he used it almost as a surname because his grandfather had used it. And when asked about the Mabie surname, Dr. Lyon has a theory that this was not a European surname.

I find myself hoping that this will lead to something substantive. Perhaps we have been looking in the wrong places all these years. Who would like to join in a cooperative research venture?

Guest Article

The following is the second of two Guest Articles by James Reed Campbell, Jr. (MS #429).

“Hereditary Societies for Maybee Descendants, Part II” by James Reed Campbell, Jr.

How to Join Hereditary Societies

Mastering the process of joining hereditary societies can take a bit of guidance and seasoning at first. You are best advised to do your homework on assembling your own reference documents or “proofs” for each of your generations, as well as on formatting these references for how hereditary societies will want to see them. The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) publishes a good introduction to this process, “Portable Genealogist: Applying to Lineage Societies,” for just \$7.95 plus tax and shipping. (They can also research and prepare your applications for an hourly fee).

Four brief tips for applying: First, only provide those references necessary to prove the event or relationship for each generation. “Less is more” for busy society registrars. The four key events or relationships per generation are: birth, marriage, death, and parentage of the next generation, with the fifth event for the only qualifying ancestor being whatever proof the given society is seeking (i.e., immigration, residence, military or government service, occupation, etc.)

Second, cite your references in a consistent academic format, with Modern Language Association (MLA) being most common.

Third, only provide copies or scans of your references—retaining the originals for your own records.

Fourth, on your reference copies underline in red ink only those lines or passages that pertain to your given ancestor, numbering in the margin the indicated ancestor by their generation order in your descent. That way, society registrars merely have to scan

your references to quickly identify the pertinent information.



Cranbury Inn, Cranbury New Jersey, site of the Fall Luncheon on November 2, 2019 of two hereditary societies: the Descendants of Founders of New Jersey, and the National Society, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, New Jersey Branch.

Qualifying Societies for Maybee Descendants

The following are among the hereditary societies to which descendants of Pieter Casparszen Mabie van Naarden (-bef 1663) may qualify, pending proper documentation and application protocols:

Descendants of Founders of New Jersey

Dutch Colonial Society (by invitation only)

National Society, Children of the American Colonists

National Society, Colonial Dames XVII Century (by invitation only)

National Society, Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century

National Society, Daughters of the American Colonists (by invitation only)

National Society, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims

National Society, Sons of the American Colonists

Order of the Founders of North America 1492-1692

Saint Nicholas Society of the City of New York (by invitation only)

Society of Daughters of Holland Dames

Society of the First Families of New York

The Holland Society



Bruce A. Ryno, Governor General of the Descendants of Founders of New Jersey, addresses the gathering of about 40 participants.

Jim Campbell recently discovered his Mabie descent (Catherine³, Casper², Pieter¹); and then joined the Maybee Society in 2018. This New Jersey native is a member of seven other family associations and 20 hereditary societies. For questions on hereditary societies, please contact Jim at “campbell973@att.net.”

Obituaries

Joan Myrile McCathie-Rea (nee Mabey), MS #355

Joan's daughter Alison sent in an obituary that Joan prepared for our newsletter:

Born 11th May 1930, died on 26th January 2020

The youngest and last surviving child of the late Edward George and Esther Mabey and sister of the late Elsie Wright, Grace Surrell, John Mabey, Hazel Lorenzen and Leslie Mabey. This part of the generation of the Mabey History draws to a close and my generation of the family will continue with my daughter Alison Glover and her husband Robert, children Joanna and Mark.

Also, we have this obituary from the New Zealand Herald of January 28, 2020:

McCATHIE-REA, Joan Myrile (nee Mabey). On 26 January 2020, wife of late Frances and treasured wife of the late George McCathie. Loved mother and mother-in-law and friend of Alison and Robert Glover. Dear Nana of Joanna Roshayne and Shane van Wyk; and Mark George William Glover. A service will be held at The North Harbour Chapel of Dil's Funeral Services, 185 Schnapper Rock Road, Albany on Friday 31 January at 10:00 am, followed by interment with George.

And finally, we have this remembrance of Joan sent in by our Past-President, John MayBee:

Kathy and I traveled to New Zealand in 2003 and met with Joan in Auckland. The book, "*History of the Mabey Family 1696-2003*", she gave us is with the archive at Mabee Farm. Here is my addition to her obit.

Joan Myrtle McCathie-Rea, Maybee Society member 355, died on 26 January 2020. She was the wife of George McCathie, and after his death of the late Frances Rea.

She wrote "*History of the Mabey Family 1696-2003*", which is a genealogical record of the Mabey family in New Zealand, and expanded our knowledge of the Mabey family down under. She was born 11 May 1930, in Waerenga, New Zealand to Edward George Mabey and Esther Elliot.

Nevitt Maybee (1925 - 2020)

Nevitt Maybee's eventful life was one of adventure and service, family and faith.

The daughter of renowned Canadian anthropologist Davidson Black, Nevitt was born and raised in Beijing, China, where she owned a pony and lived in a house with 16 servants. She spoke fluent Mandarin by the time she returned to Canada and set about studying medicine.

During the Second World War, however, she fell in love with naval officer John Maybee, and the direction of her life changed.

They would have five children together as Maybee's diplomatic career took them to postings in China, Australia, Washington, D.C., Lebanon and India. Nevitt and her children would be evacuated twice from war zones.

Nevitt later studied to be an Anglican priest. She was ordained at the age of 62, became a chaplain at The Ottawa Hospital, and specialized in palliative care.

Nevitt Maybee died last week at the age of 94.

"She was a force of nature," said her daughter, Rev. Maylanne Maybee, principal of Montreal's United Theological College. "She was small of stature but she had such a vibrant personality: She would walk into a room and it would come alive."

Nevitt Davidson Black was born in September 1925 in Beijing, where her father was head of the anatomy department at Peking Union Medical College. There, from fossils found near Beijing, Davidson Black identified a new species of early human, *Sinanthropus pekinensis*, that came to be known as “Peking Man.”

Black died suddenly from a heart attack in 1934 when Nevitt was just eight years old. Around that same time, she contracted tuberculosis and was confined to hospital for a year. She read one book a day to pass the time.

Nevitt remained in Beijing with her mother, Adena, until 1938 — one year after Japanese forces occupied the city in the Second Sino-Japanese War. It would not be the last time her life was buffeted by war.

Back in Canada, she studied at an all-girls boarding school before taking pre-med courses at the University of Toronto. She wanted to be a doctor like her father.

A tea party organized by her mother derailed her would-be medical career. There, she met John Maybee, a Canadian navy lieutenant with a doctorate from Princeton University. They married on Aug. 4, 1945 and moved to Ottawa, where Maybee joined the foreign affairs department, now Global Affairs Canada.

He was posted to the Canadian mission in Nanjing, China in 1948 thanks, in part, to his wife’s ability to speak Mandarin. The country was then in the final stages of its long civil war.

Communist forces entered Nanjing in April 1949 and Nevitt, pregnant with her second child, was forced to evacuate while her husband remained with the mission. It would be almost a year before they were reunited.

In 1964, the family moved to Beirut, Lebanon when Maybee was named ambassador. Three years later, in June 1967, Nevitt and four of her children boarded a rented plane with 250 Canadians to flee the Six-Day War that inflamed the Middle East.

Nevitt ran an ordered household. She kept a jobs chart and each child had a file card with a “room report” that tracked completed tasks such as made beds, emptied waste baskets and cleared desks. “She could put us in line with a look from her eye,” says Maylanne Maybee.

Wherever she went, Nevitt was also an involved citizen and leader. In Australia, she was a roving commissioner for the Girl Guides. In Lebanon, she was involved with the local psychiatric hospital. In India, she supported Operation Eyesight Universal, a Canadian aid organization devoted to treating eye disease in developing countries.

In Ottawa, she was president of the Ottawa Council of Women. She was also deeply involved in the Anglican Church, and was among the first women ever elected to its national executive committee, where she sought an expanded role for women. At St. Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church in Alta Vista, she was the first woman to read the Sunday lesson, a role traditionally reserved for men. “And the roof did not fall in,” she whispered after her reading.

“She was a force to contend with,” says her daughter, Brenda Zanin.

The Anglican Church of Canada ordained its first women priests in November 1976, and Nevitt soon set her sights on joining their ranks. When her husband retired, Nevitt returned to school and completed a bachelor’s degree at the University of

Ottawa then a Master's degree in theology at St. Paul's University. She was ordained a deacon in 1985, and a priest two years later.

"I guess my initial thought on being ordained was of how unworthy I was," she told an interviewer. "But it isn't really a question of unworthiness — we're all unworthy."

In her 70s, she led guided church tours to China, India, Australia and Lebanon; she served as an honorary assistant at All Saints' Westboro for 33 years.

She was an encouraging and very genuine soul," said Ottawa West Archdeacon Christopher Dunn. "She would tell you when she disagreed with you about something because that's the way she was. But she would do it with love."

Nevitt is survived by five children, 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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Some Compliments

Past-President John MayBee, who also takes care of both our web site and our data base, recently received two emails from researchers who just discovered his work:

First, from New Zealand:

Subject:The Maybee Society -

Date:Tue, 3 Mar 2020

Hello,

I am not related to your Maybee families but have come across your great site by "googling" the name of a very distant relation. As a result I have been seriously distracted from my own research!! There is a great deal of social and family history on your site which I have very much enjoyed

and have learnt a lot from. This email is meant as a small acknowledgement of your great work. It has given me some ideas about how best to record my large amount of material. Thank you.

FYI the 3rd cousin once removed of mine I searched for was:

"Archibald D Templeton M, #40277, b. circa 1908, d. 25 January 1937"

Husband of:

"Nellie C Mabie F, #28848, b. February 1905, d. 17 November 1965"

Kind Regards
Laurie McNeill
Dunedin
New Zealand

And then from Ontario:

05-Mar-20 2:17 PM, Kathryn L. Storey wrote:

I have recently begun to discover family history. I am descended from the Maybees. Just this past Fall I visited the landing site of the UEL's at Adolphustown (looking specifically for Daniel Cole) and saw several Maybee graves...they stuck in my mind because my 5th great grandmother is Fidelia Maybee. I am so delighted to have found your site and I thank you sincerely for all the work you have put into it.

Kate Storey

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REUNION 2020

This year's reunion is currently scheduled for Sunday July 12th at noon at the Mabee Farm Pavilion and meeting room. We will make a final decision on holding the reunion in early June at the latest. Please check the Maybee Society web site for any cancellation notice.

If we are able to hold the reunion, 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 Kim know if you have preferences and she 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 around both Schenectady and Albany pertaining to the musical Hamilton, but for some (e.g., Schuyler House) you have to sign up way in advance. Or perhaps we could arrange a special group tour. Please let Kim know of your interest of something in particular so she 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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