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The President's Corner

Dear Cousins,

I am finally sitting down at the computer to get to work! Had to unbury the desk first to find room, unearth pencils, pens, and notepads from other projects!

I hope this finds you all doing and feeling well!!! Gary and I just got our second shots, so we feel able to go and do more now. However, we do live in upstate NY so we have winter to contend with. It is still blustery and cold here, but this week is supposed to give us a break with warmer temps, then back to blustery and cold!

We did manage a big painting project in redoing our entire upstairs, (with high ceilings). It had not been done in 20 years, and I am sure it will be our last! Although, I am contemplating painting or getting a decal of a giant tree to put on the largest wall, and organizing my family pictures better! Poor Gary just cringed! We plan to move to senior housing when Gary is no longer able to care for this place. We learned our lessons the hard way, in seeing our parents not plan ahead. We ended up with 3 of the 4 living with us until passing, or the nursing home. I promised our kids, who helped also, that we would not do the

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same to them. Because we are living longer (we hope), it seems there is another step in our life plan. My cousin, who just downsized, has been having fun finding all kinds of tidbits and trivia. She found letters that were from my grandfather during WWI to her mother, so has been sharing them with me. Very lucky, and very special. Another cousin who lives near Boston also has offered to help me research and visit her area where one of my great grandfathers was captured in 1704 by natives, and taken to Canada. So as soon we can fit it in, I would like to visit! Do any of you think that way? Plan your vacation around genealogy?

Another pandemic activity that I would like to mention is listening to webinars and podcasts, Facebook livestreams, etc? I get so many e-newsletters from historic sites etc, that I have just been wallowing in so many fascinating historical talks/books and all! Sometimes they even overlap, and I have one on the computer and one on the ipad!

In this newsletter I would like to spotlight longtime member #138 Shirley Weihing. She is 97 years young and sharp as a tack,

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still living on her own. She is an amazing lady! I remember meeting her and her husband John at the 1997 reunion, and am sure there must be some pictures in the album. She said "We often took vacation time going from western Nebraska to the East stopping along the way at courthouses and cemeteries for each of our surnames as they traveled west." Shirley wrote an amazing poem about our past years' experience! I think you will be super impressed!

Dark ages
Black plague
Parents age
Spanish flu
My father lost 2 adult
married cousins,
sisters
My early life
Polio
Two adult uncles
married
One spent
the rest of his life
in an iron lung
Modern time
COVID 19
(You can write the last line).

Kim Mabee
President

Research Update

By Steve Mabee
Vice-President

As a member of the Maybee Society, you are probably also interested in genealogies of other families whose presence in North America goes back to the 17th Century. So for this edition, I thought we would discuss how the method of research changes, depending on the time frame that you are researching.

As you well know by now, most of us who are descended from Pieter Casparszen can trace our ancestry from 1650 to the early 1700s through a handful of Church records (baptisms and marriages) along with a fairly small number of other historical records. Indeed, this is true even through the mid-1770s, the time of the Revolution, with the only exceptions being for the family of Caspar's son Simon Mabee. One can easily reconstruct almost all of the research done by myself and others in less than a week by visiting any good genealogical library. The only real challenges would be finding full copies of the handful of wills that are useful up to that time frame.

But that method of consulting published church records and wills has its limits as one's research proceeds to the 1800s. For a variety of reasons, the most valuable sources of information begin to gradually shift from books of records to another form of published material: newspapers.

Most of us can visit good public libraries for free. Even good private genealogical libraries are inexpensive to visit. But when it comes to researching newspapers, most are only aware of being able to access them through subscription websites, and the subscriptions are often very expensive. This is a real problem for many who would otherwise like to do research but simply cannot afford the cost of the subscriptions.

You have probably heard of the big two in newspaper subscriptions: Newspapers.com (now owned by Ancestry.com) and GenealogyBank.com, both of which have been in existence for well over a decade. Over the years I have occasionally used the former, but I have had a subscription with GenealogyBank for more than a dozen

years now, and I've always found it easier to use than its competition. But it is rather costly, and I suspect that many new researchers would prefer less expensive alternatives. So here are some newspaper sites that are free to use and all have some degree of search capability.

1. The Google News Archive found at:

<https://news.google.com/newspapers>

Back in 2009, Google undertook a very ambitious project attempting to digitize all of the historic newspapers in the country. By 2012, the expense of this effort led to its being cancelled, but this website remains on the web with all of the images that were completed at the time the project was cancelled. It has a very limited search capability, but is very useful for the researcher who is willing to take the time and read through a particular newspaper. One of my favorites is the September 8, 1852 edition of the *St. Joseph Gazette* (Missouri). An article on page 2 relates how Col. George Blodget transcribed the names of those who died and were buried along the Oregon Trail during 1852. It's a fascinating article that happens to include the name of Cyrus T. Maybee of Peoria, Illinois, who died June 17th. If you have any interest in the Oregon Trail, you will want to keep a copy of this article.

2. Old Fulton County New York Post Cards

<https://www.fultonhistory.com/>

This web site originated as part of the old GenWeb project, but rapidly outgrew the original purpose of documenting Fulton County, New York. The collection of historic newspapers originally was focused on New York State, but now has grown to include over 1,500 newspapers from states

including Texas, California, Georgia, Illinois, and others. And this project is still active and growing, with almost 50,000,000 pages imaged. This is, by far, the most important free historic newspaper website. Don't be intimidated by the sheer volume of data. The site has very good instructions for use, and the help section is also very good.

3. Brooklyn Public Library - Historical Newspapers

<https://bklyn.newspapers.com/>

This is another website that had its origins with the now extinct GenWeb system. It's content is very localized to Brooklyn, with images from three local newspapers, the most being from the *Brooklyn Eagle*. Because this was the home of several related families, it is a valuable resource for our research.

4. Library of Congress - Chronicling America

https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers/#tab=tab_search

Many of these newspapers are from the capital area (Virginia, Maryland, Washington DC) so from a history perspective, the reading is interesting.

5. NYS Historic Newspapers

<https://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/newspapers/>

California Digital Newspaper Collection:

<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/>

Georgia Historic Newspapers:

<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/>

Pennsylvania Newspaper Archive:

<https://panewsarchive.psu.edu/newspapers/>

These are four examples of free newspaper archives for specific states. As it happens, several other states have similar, if more limited, projects. It's well worth a Google search to try to find one of these sites for other states.

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The photo on the last page of this newsletter is actually an image of a post card that I purchased some time ago on eBay. With all due respect to our friends and cousins in Schenectady, this is what I like to call "the other Mabee House".

So, how did members of the Mabee Family come to live in Eastport, Maine? Well, at the conclusion of the Revolution, the Loyalist Family of Jacob Mabee left Long Island (where they had gone for safety when they left Dutchess County, NY) and removed to St. Stephen, New Brunswick on the ship *Union*. Jacob's sons William, Solomon and Elias also settled in the area. But the US and Great Britain were still negotiating the final border between the US and Canada, and when the negotiations were concluded, Solomon and Elias found themselves on the US side of the new border. Thus, in the 1790 Census, Solomon and Elias were enumerated in Washington County, Maine, in the "township East of Machias." This unnamed township later became the Town of Eastport. In 2010, Eastport had less than 1,400 residents, and I am told that it is one of the most beautiful areas of the country. You might want to plan a trip some day.

South Valley Reunion

"96th Annual Mabee Reunion 2021"

Seeing as gatherings in NY aren't quite as restricted now as they were last year when we were unable to hold our 96th Mabee Reunion, we will be holding it this year.

When: Sunday, July 11, 2021

Where: At the home of Mick & Barb Brodie Kineke, 801 Robinson Rd., Mohawk, NY

Time: Meal will be served at 1:00 p.m.

Family pictures will be taken prior to the meal, so please arrive early enough! Please bring: A dish to pass, juice or soda for the punch, your own table service, stories and/or pictures to share.

We are going to continue our newest tradition of raffling off baskets of goodies if you would like to participate. For ideas, search "Gift Basket Ideas" on-line. There are countless themes!

If you have any updates on your family (i.e. births, deaths, marriages, graduations, military news, anniversary milestones, etc.), please email them to Barb at micknbarb1980@yahoo.com or mail to Barb Kineke 801 Robinson Rd., Mohawk, NY 13407.

If you cannot make it but would like to send greetings, email them to Donna at dlouhatch@gmail.com or mail to Donna Hatch 4880 Maybury Rd., McGraw, NY 13101.

Directions:

From Thruway 90: take Herkimer exit 30. Turn left after the toll booth. Follow Rt. 28 South. After going thru town, take a slight left on Rt. 168 (Hammond St.). Follow for 2.9 miles to Mortz Rd., third road on the

right. Follow Mortz.Rd. to the top. Their home is the last house on the right. You can pull into their driveway or take a right at the stop sign and park in front of the house.

From Richfield Springs: Take Rt. 20 West thru Richfield to the light at McDonald's. Take a right Rt. 28 North. Follow about 7.5 miles to Robinson Rd. on your right. Take Robinson Rd. about 2.6 miles to intersection of Robinson & Mortz. The house is on the left just before Mortz Rd. You can either park in front of the house or take a left on Mortz Rd. to park in the driveway on the left.

IF YOU HAVE COVID SYMPTOMS OR HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO ANYONE WHO HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM ATTENDING THIS YEAR.

Save The Date

The Schenectada Chapter NSDAR, SCHS, and Maybee Society will be unveiling Patriot Plaques for an America 250 event, at the Mabee Farm Cemetery on Tuesday May 18th at 6:30 pm.

Obituaries

Timothy J. Mabie

Timothy J. Mabie passed away unexpectedly surrounded by his family on Saturday, February 13, 2021 at the age of 70 years old. Tim was a graduate of Saint Mary Springs Academy in Fond duLac, Wisconsin, and then received his bachelor's degree in communications at UW Oshkosh. He was a man of faith and an active member of Saint Joseph Mareello Catholic Church, where he served as a lector of the

Word of the Lord. He was also a past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus.

Tim was an insurance agent for his entire career, both in Wisconsin and California, and an avid sports fan with his allegiance always torn between the Green Bay Packers and San Francisco 49ers. His life was cut short by a recent diagnosis of (ALS) amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

Tim is survived by his wife of 46 years, Barbara Heinzen Mabie, his son, Patrick (Lisa), and his beloved dog Minnie. Son of Lois Mabie, brother of Mary Lodes, sisters in law Diane Mabie, Kathy Vogel, and Ann Kaczowski (Konrad). Also loved and survived by many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by his newborn daughter Molly, father John Mabie, brother Dan Mabie, father and mother in law Tony and Dora Heinzen, and brothers in law Walter Vogel and Dave Lodes.

In lieu of flowers, donations appreciated to Barbara Mabie for a memorial yet to be determined. Special thanks to all the Sutter ICU nurses and Drs. Kim, Clark, and Knox. Due to the pandemic, a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

(Submitted by Timothy's son Patrick)

Beverly Jean Anderson, mother of Robert M. Leichner (MS #439)

Beverley Jean (Bev) Anderson, 91, passed away on March 6, 2021, in Battle Ground, WA due to cancer. Since 2017 she had been living with her daughter and son-in-law in Redmond, WA until she became ill on February 22, 2021 and was moved to an assisted living facility in Battle Ground.

Beverley was born April 6, 1929 in Helena,

Montana and was originally named Norma Mabee. Her mother was Edythe Vyvyan Mabee, and her father was Francis Hays. She was placed in an orphanage three days after her birth. On May 5, 1929 she was adopted by Ralph W. and Elsie M. (Johnson) Bruner and was raised in Livingston, MT. She had one brother, Albert W. Bruner, born to Ralph and Elsie Bruner in December 1929.

During World War 2 her family relocated to Vancouver, eventually settling in Camas. She graduated from Camas High School in 1947. On March 27, 1948, she married Robert Leichner of Vancouver and had five children, one son and four daughters. In 1961 they divorced. In 1965 she married Harry B. Funkhouser. They divorced in 1977. In 1980 she married Robert D. Anderson, who died in 1989. In the 1990s she and Eugene R. Bastian, a high school boyfriend, became partners until his death in 2011. She resided in Vancouver from 1948 until 2017.

From the time she was adopted Bev maintained close relationships with her adopted family. On numerous occasions she traveled to Montana to attend Bruner family reunions. The most recent Bruner family reunion was held in the Dupuyer, Montana in July 2019. She had a wonderful time seeing her childhood friends and spent long hours into the night in conversation.

Bev worked before she was married but left the workforce to raise her children. After her children were older, she returned to the workforce and was employed at Custom Aluminum and later at Tektronix until her retirement. She was a highly active woman and lovingly raised her children. In her 50s she took up wind surfing. In her 60s she went on a cross country motorcycle trip which lasted for several months, traveling

across the northern US to the Prince Edward Islands in Canada then down the East coast to Florida across the south and southwest, then home by way of the west coast. In 2007 she went to Europe to visit her granddaughter and her family in Germany. While in Europe she toured many places, especially Paris and Venice, two cities she very much wanted to see.

Bev is survived by five children, Robert M. Leichner, Sharon L. Miller, Randy L. Gear, Cindy A. Lacy, and Susan W. Leichner; seven grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her brother, Albert W. Bruner in 2013, and one grandchild in 2013.

Beverley was greatly loved and was a friend to everyone she met. She accepted people as they were and would always offer to help someone in need.

At her request there will not be viewing, and she will be cremated. A memorial service will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Vancouver, WA (360) 892-6060 later in the summer.

From The Columbian, Vancouver WA and Great Falls Tribune, Great Falls, MT.

Jean L. Lintner, MS #32

Jean L. Lintner (nee Meyers) of Warminster, PA, passed away on Monday, April 18, 2016, at the Briar Leaf Nursing Facility. She was 95 years old.

Born in Bar Harbor, ME, she was the daughter of the late Raymond and Anna Mae Welk Meyers. She was the beloved wife of the late Ernest W. Lintner. Jean was the devoted mother of June Weishew (late James) of

Warminster, Judith Dolan (late Robert) of Warrington, Donald L Elliott (Linda) of Chalfont, Dove Wagner (Earl) of Kempton, PA, Joan Dahling (Jim) of Crestview, FL, and Jimmy Price (Donna) of Crestview, FL; sister of David Meyers of Ivyland; grandmother of 16; great grandmother of 25 and great great grandmother of 4.

Jean was a practicing Jehovah's Witness for over 50 years. She loved to garden and took special care of her garden for many years. Jean was the first woman school bus driver in Bucks County. Her funeral service was held at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 899 Norristown Road, Warminster, PA.
(From Decker Funeral Home, Warminster, PA)

Elizabeth C. Boorsma, MS #179

Fairport, New York. Elizabeth C. Boorsma (Liz) passed away peacefully on February 11, 2021 at The Friendly Home. Her family had been able to spend the day with her. She was predeceased by her husband Jack, who she met at The Union at Michigan State University. They were married for 57 years. Survived by her daughter Nancy and son in law Steven Nobis; grandchildren Christopher [Lisa], Jeffrey [Sarah], and Kathryn [Brad]; and great grandchildren Eleanor, James, and Quinn.

Liz enjoyed 25 years as a Nursery School teacher at Bertha Agor Memorial Nursery School. After her retirement she volunteered at the Fairport Public Library and SOFI [Senior Options for Independence]. She loved her family, sunny days, flower gardens, and spending time at Sodus Bay.
(From Richard H. Keenan Funeral Home, Fairport NY)

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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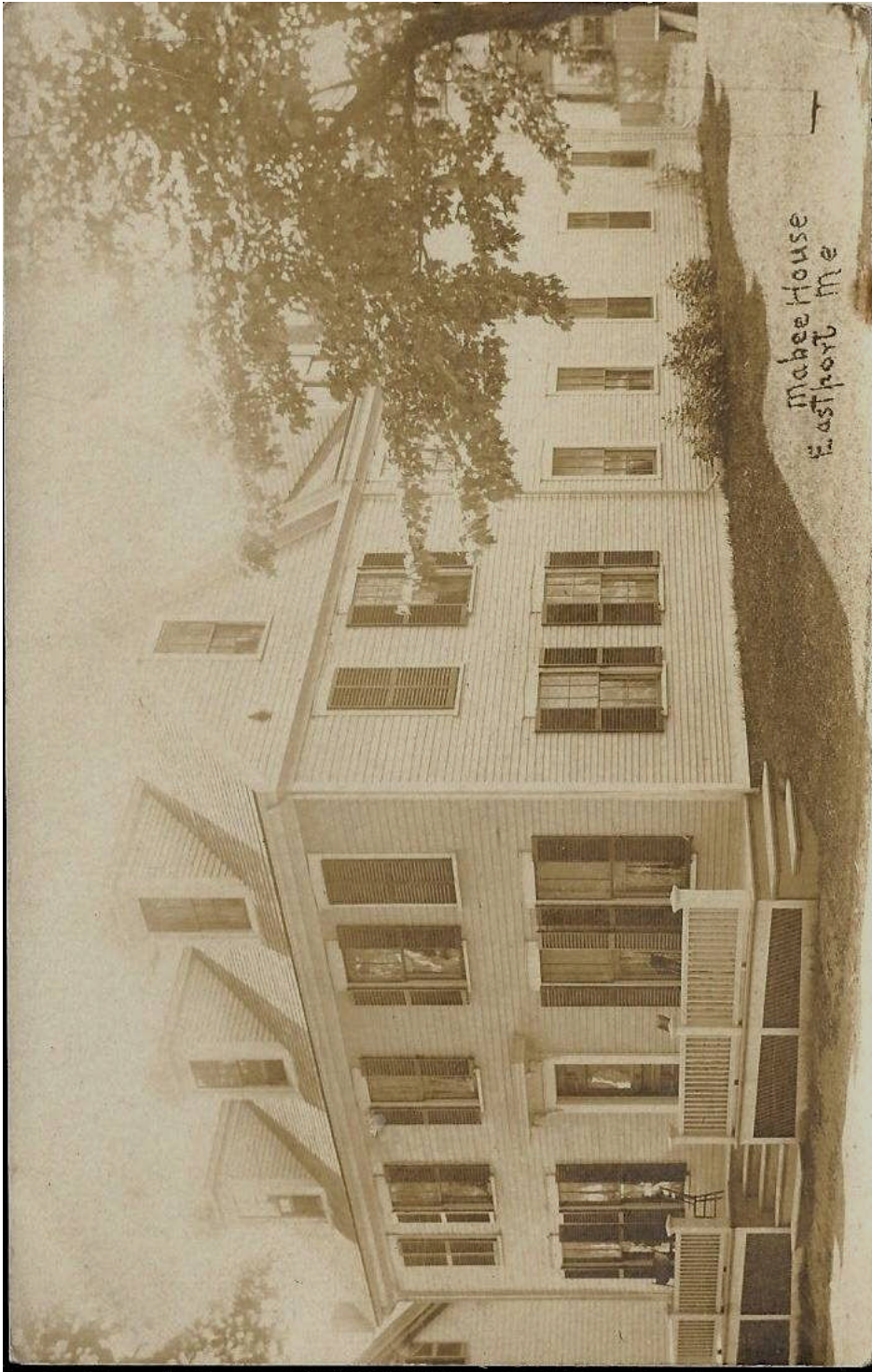
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