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The President's Corner

Dear Cousins,

Hope you are all doing well. We are starting to get back to normal with caution. This year, we did put up the promised M & M tree for the festival at the Schenectady County Historical Society. It came out pretty well. I found and purchased some ornaments, made some ornaments, and borrowed some items from our daughter and grandkids. A small part of it even made the Daily Gazette!



We attended the wedding of another generation named John Mabee (great nephew). The young couple was beautiful and the event held at the Hall of Springs in Saratoga was terrific.

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There is one item concerning the Schenectady County Historical Society that you should be aware of. As you know, the SCHS owns and operates the Mabee farm. The funding for this comes from the Estate of George Franchere. His Estate also funds two other beneficiaries: Shriner's Children's Hospital and the Albany Academy (which George attended). Several years ago, these two parties filed suit in Pinellas County, Florida court because their benefit amount had been reduced when Pinellas County Community Funds, who oversees the trust started taking a larger portion in fees. Because the SCHS

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was not affected, they declined to participate and consequently were included in the suit anyway as a defendant! The ruling by the judge adjusted the trust, and while I do not know all the details, I am informed that the trust is no longer projected to last into perpetuity. If someone knows how to access those public records, perhaps you can report on the details. While our Maybee Society is not directly involved in any of this, it should be a concern for all descendants and, for that matter, all concerned with the preservation of our heritage.

Then, just today I was communicating with another SCHS board member and was told that the old 1850ish house next door on 2 ½ acres has just sold to the historical society today, December 9th. Believe it cost them about \$100K but will have to see the county records when they come out. And, I also believe they will end up bulldozing it from rot and mold. We shall see. It started out with good intentions to be “Keepers of the Circle” but was never really working. The farm/society owns 3 sides around it. I believe it was gifted by Hester Mabee/Mabie to daughter Margaret and son in law Nicholas Abram Bradt when they married in 1793. The large barn was also a gift, or something like that. But friend and President of the Bradt Association, Dan Bradt, and local historian and friend, John Gearing, are going to research it some more and share their info. The red/English barn now at the farm was skidded to that spot in 2008 by Gary and several others.

Another item I can mention is that I am still trying to get husband Gary’s ancestor John Mabee Jr. approved as a Rev War patriot through DAR for our daughter. Slow going with very few documents, and the ones we do have include names misspelled in several of them, and I don’t mean Mabee!

His wives’s name was Helena/Lena/Helen that got mangled to Leah and Linea. Fun stuff.

Hope you all had great holidays and we start out 2022 on a more upbeat note!

Kim Mabee
President

Research Update

By Steve Mabie
Vice-President

In this issue, we have three articles. The first (by me) tells of an ad from a 1987 edition of a genealogical newsletter that I recently found on-line which identifies when and by whom our society was formed. Following up on the history theme, the next article is by our past president John D. MayBee and it tells the story of the development of our Maybee Society Database.

Finally, there is a guest article by Peter W. Johnson on the problem of identifying which Gerritje Hogenkamp married Abraham Mabee.

If you would like to submit a guest article for publication in an upcoming Communicator, please let me know.

The Founding of the Maybee Society

While doing some research recently, I came across a website containing old copies of *South of the Mountains*, the publication of the Historical Society of Rockland County. Specifically, I found a copy of Vol. 31, No. 2, published in April, 1987 which contained an announcement of a new family society called The Maybee Society.

“The Maybee Society has been formed for the purpose of finding the background history of all branches of the family, making this research available for all members and preserving the research that has been done. It plans to issue newsletters about the family’s history and to relate interesting stories.

For further information on becoming a charter member, write (enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope) to Belva Maybee Perry, Executive Secretary, 10020 23rd Drive, S.E., Everett, WA 98204, or to George Maybee Martin, President, 216 S. 28th Ave., Yakima, WA. 98902-3775.

The Maybee Society Database

by John D. MayBee

Belva Maybee Perry knew no more about her Maybee line than her grandfather Billy, that he was born between 1870 and 1880 and died when her father was a young child (before WW1). In the 1960-70s she delved into the National Archives (censuses), many county records (birth, death and marriage records), and newspaper archives, as well as all her older relatives’ memories. Her information grew.

In the 1970s, Belva, wanting to further her Maybee genealogy, started to go through City Directories at the public library and copying addresses of any Maybees she found listed. She wrote these people looking for information on her Maybee line. Through this correspondence, she learned of more genealogic historians to contact, including Royal Mabee, who eventually shared his records with her and R. Robert Mutrie, whose book “6,000 New York Ancestors; A compendium of Mabee Research” she obtained.

For any of her correspondents who were interested, she got as much family history as she could. She was receiving

Pedigree Charts and Family Group Sheets from her growing list of correspondents and she transcribed all the information to cards, which she stored alphabetically, and when she got her first computer put the info on it. The first genealogy software program (Personal Ancestral File) was introduced in April 1984. In May it was on her computer and she put whatever she could on it. She entered all the information she had collected.

Unfortunately Personal Ancestral File (PAF) had no space for sources for individual data. She did add some sources in the Memo field (but did not tell which fact came from where).

As she entered all the Family Group Sheets and Pedigree Charts from her many correspondents, she noted that many shared the same ancestors, and sometimes with different data. Rather than trying to determine which was correct, she entered all as received.

In 1986 the Maybee Society was formed, and much more information was put into the database which Belva controlled and did most of the entry.

My sister Belva *was* the Maybee Society. She entered and maintained the data base, maintained the library and files, wrote, printed and mailed the Communicator, was the treasurer, secretary, and the ultimate boss, regardless of which male was the society president. When she died on 22 Apr 1999 we were lost. She had asked her older sister, Barbara, to take over the Maybee Society if anything ever happened to her, Barbara, figuring a younger sister would outlive her, agreed. She called the society president, Jack Maybee, who was retired to Florida and was busy researching the central New York Maybees and was reluctant to take on more clerical responsibility.

So Barbara called me. I agreed to take on the database, while she did the secretarial and treasurer work.

When the floppy disc with the PAF program and database arrived, I found a total of 14,916 names on it, but some were duplicates from different pedigree sheets, and many people had duplicate or conflicting data entered (e.g. - children before parent was born).

So now it was my job. The first thing I did was to combine duplicated people as I found them, and tried to resolve duplicate but different facts. At the time I did most of my research at the local LDS Family Center (using filmed copies of records from all over the world), the National Archives in San Bruno, and Sutro Library in San Francisco. As I entered the data I was having a lot of trouble reporting the sources of the data accurately. In April 1994, I went to a genealogy conference in San Francisco where I saw a new genealogical software program called The Master Genealogist. It was flexible, had dedicated source and citation places for every fact added. I was overjoyed, and purchased it, and am using it to this day. It is the program that I converted Belva's PAF data to in 1999.

At the time of her death in 1999, Belva had 14,917 people in her PAF database. As I write this, thanks to the many individuals and researchers we have 41,754 people in our database. The 31,566, who are no longer living are published on our website at maybeesociety.org for anyone to see.

Will The Correct Gerritje Hogenkamp Stand Up? **Peter W. Johnson**

There is no doubt that Capt. Abraham MAYBEE UE 1748-1832 married Gerritje HOGENKAMP in 1773 in Tappan. It is also clear that they had three children: Peter

1775, Abraham Jr. 1777, and Jane c1779. As well, around this time Gerritje sought safety behind the British lines in New York City. Abraham was already there apparently. Before long Gerritje died and in April of 1781 Abraham married widow Ann ACKERMAN.

The problem is that there were two Gerritje HOGENKAMPs and it is not clear which one Abraham married! The elder was born c1740 and the daughter of Myndert HOGENKAMP and Helena KROM. The other Gerritje was born in 1744, daughter of Martynes HOGENKAMP and Johanna EVERET. Both Gerritjes were first cousins, (as was Abraham whose mother was a HOGENKAMP). The Gerritje who *didn't* marry Abraham, married Jan ECKERSON and lived until 1821. Reputable and not so reputable family trees seem to be evenly divided on selecting one Gerritje or the other.

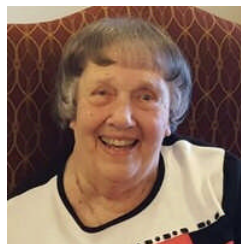
Abraham and Gerritje are my direct ancestors. I would like to be sure which Gerritje is mine.

Selected Sources

- "Marriages, Iregular Churches, Tappan & Kakiat" *NYG&BR*. Vol 101 #4. (Oct 1970) pp 242-243.

Obituaries

Charlotte A. Maybee



Charlotte A. Maybee of Waterford, formerly of Clarkston, passed away on October 25, 2021, age 94.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her cousins Isabelle (Donald) Stark, Marion Roush, James (JoAnne) Hodges and Martha (Stan) White.

She was a member of the Clarkston United Methodist Church and was now retired, having taught at the Potter Elementary School for 20 years, and having served as a consultant to the State of Michigan Child Care Licensing Department for 16 years.

Charlotte was a member of the Sashabaw Plains Chapter of NSDAR, Tuesday Musical of Pontiac, and the Waterford Book Review Club, and a Life Member of the Oakland County Historical Society, the Clarkston Historical Society Delta Kappa Gamma Teachers Honorary Society, and the Sashabaw Plains Cemetery Association.

Marguerite E. Horman

Marguerite E. Horman, 91, formerly of Fonda, NY, passed away on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at the Fulton Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Gloversville, NY.



She was born April 20, 1930 a daughter of the late Elizabeth Jakot and Nicholas Gillen. Marguerite married the late Frederick C. Horman who passed away in

February 1986. She was also predeceased by her first husband James Mabee.

She is survived by one son, Ronald Mabee and his wife Sally of Amsterdam. She was predeceased by her three brothers, Nicholas, William and Richard Gillen.

Survivors also include, her sister- in-law, Ann Szabo (Daniel) of Galway, NY . Nieces and nephews, Stacia Stock (Timothy) of Caroga Lake, NY and their children, Renee, Nicole, Annie and Hanna. Ralph (Barb), William (Carla) and Mark (Gail) Gillen, Nicholas and David Gillen, Beth Hogan (Joe), Richard (Nikki) Gillen. Three cousins, Eugene Dado of Seattle Washington, Ruth Christman of Florida and Amy Walag of Broadalbin, NY, Charlotte Klymkow and Marion Walag of Broadalbin, NY. She was also predeceased by nephews, Thomas and Joseph Gillen. Marguerite was a member of the former Saving Grace Baptist Church of Fonda, NY.

Priscilla M. Stewart

Priscilla M. Stewart “Pam” of Bradenton, FL passed away on December 18, 2020. Born on September 21, 1926 in Iowa City, IA. Pam was a professor of Art History at State College of Florida, Manatee-Saratoga for over 50 years. She was a long standing member and choir member of the Church of the Annunciation in Holmes Beach, FL. Pam was preceded in death by her parents, E. C. and Grace Mabie and Thomas W. Stewart, husband and soul mate. She is survived by many close friends.

Pam is ID #652 in the Maybee Society Database. She compiled the family genealogy that Douglas Raymons Mabie, MS# 192 submitted to the Maybee Society..

(This obit appeared in The Bradenton Herald (Bradenton, Florida), 6 Jan 2021, Wed, , Page A9)

Birth Announcement

Jasper Cory SAUVE born 12 Nov 2021, Kingston ON. Son of Laney Elizabeth JOHNSON & Jake SAUVE. Seventh grandchild for Angela & Peter JOHNSON #11, and a descendant of Capt. Abraham MAYBEE UE.

50th Wedding Anniversary

On December 30th, Steve and Nancy (Floyd) Mabie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary!



This photo is from Kinderdijk, taken during our recent trip up the Rhine River in October.

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:

The Maybee Society Communicator is a publication of the Maybee Society, 15 Van Buren Ln. Rd 4, Scotia, New York, 12302-9473. Dues should be sent to Ann Christmann, Treasurer, at the address below. Checks should be made out to Ann Christmann.

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