

# MAYBEE SOCIETY COMMUNICATOR

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## The President's Corner

Dear Cousins,

Thank you, Thank you! You heeded the cry! We have great news to tell you! Several super capable volunteers stepped forward to help keep our organization going! We hope you are as impressed as we are! Their bios are coming up next! John sent all the database/program info to Paul Mabey of Colorado to do that job, and Lindsay Thompson of Maryland has been sent the newsletter info from Steve. Steve, John, and I promise to still contribute info now and then to the newsletter! Now, I just need someone to take over this job in June? I have one candidate I am working on, but just in case, we need anyone that wants to try it on, please contact us!!! There are not enough words to heap on the guys to thank them for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the family over the last 20 something years! And their long-suffering spouses of course!

Whoever is willing to do this job will have my help with the 2025 reunion here at the Rotterdam Jct. Mabee Farm. We have already made an agreement with SCHS for the location, and I will remind them of the date this summer again, Sunday Jul 13, 2025. I am not sure their calendar is kept that far out. We also have an agreement with the South Valley branch for partnership to honor their amazing 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion. After that date, if everyone wants to continue on a 5 years cycle, or different, I think with all the new members, we should consider having it someplace else! Perhaps at the Old '76 House in Tappan, NY!? Hmmm, in Mount Eagle Tennessee at/near that

Mabee House? There are more locations! Please share your suggestions!! Canada? NYC? I believe the original land/house at the corner of Broad and Marketfeld is now a health food store, perhaps right there??? Hahahaha --- We could put together a tour of lower Manhattan, etc!?

Just for information, The Colonial Project group is having the Schenectady Genesis I (1661-1760) go to reprint an edited version the first week of February. It had a lot of mistakes and now we hope you find it much better. I am on their board now and helped to correct the Mabee/Truax info. So, if there are more mistakes, you need to blame me! Schenectady Genesis II (1760-1800) has been out for a couple years, and Schenectady Genesis III (1800-1870) is going to be started shortly. They will be available on Amazon.

Please send all items that you might be researching on your branch of the family, so it can be included also. Perhaps updates and additions to a person already on the data base.

Kim Mabee  
President

## Are YOU Our Next President?

You write a letter for the *Communicator* four times a year, plan the 5-year Reunion, next up is 2025 at the Mabee Farm Historic Site. Anything else you can find of interest!! Assist all the jobs as best you can and answer letters from prospective members!

## Database Update

Introducing Paul Mabey



First, I would like to thank John Maybee for managing the database and website for so long. He has turned over an amazing collection of information that I hope I can continue to maintain. I have a background in Computer Science and still use it in my day job, so I am hoping to use some of that experience as I take on this new role with the society.

I have been a member of the society since 2002 though not too active. My research interest is primary focused on the England Mabey's where I descend from, but it's been on an extended pause until recently. In that time, I moved from England to Colorado, got married and added two Mabey's of my own to the world. With all the recent technological advances, particular in the field of DNA, I am back researching again in the hope I can break down some of my brick walls.

Please send me your updates going forward along with any other questions/suggestions for the website.

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## Editorial Update

Introducing Lindsay Thompson



My first Maybee Society reunion in 2015 was a grand family picnic at the Mabee Farm and Museum in Rotterdam, NY – an inspiring invitation to explore family history more deeply!

My patronymic Mabee ancestor was Catherine Mabee (1703-1740), daughter of Caspar Pieterszen Mabee (1660-1720) and granddaughter of Pieter Casparszen van Naerden (1600-1653). Catherine lived in New Rochelle and married Daniel Sicard (1698-1765). Several of her twelve children, including my fifth great grandmother, Marie Sicard (Secord) Beebe (1736-1838), were Loyalists who relocated to Canada during the tumultuous aftermath of the Revolutionary War. My great-grandfather returned to the United States in the 1880s and settled in Minnesota where I spent my early years.

Editing the *Maybee Society Communicator* is a welcome opportunity to connect with Maybee Society cousins and get acquainted through shared family stories.

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## Notes From Our Members

*Maybee Cousin Shirley Weihing is looking forward to her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and we are delighted to share her recent Christmas letter.*

I am grateful to be able to do another Christmas letter. When a child one could send a card that had writing for 3 cents and a plane one or 2 cents. Now we use email, texts and post. Each year my list gets shorter.

My childhood friend always came first: Mary Ellen Bailey (Our grandparents and parents were friends.)

My getaway was to Albion, Fern, for Thanksgiving. Warren (Boise, Idaho) picked me up. Lawson (Omaha) and Martin (Chicago) were also there as well as some of Fern's family. Plenty to eat and Nebraska WON a football game. Some of us made a trip to Coleridge.

OH YES, a (99) birthday cake for me. I am still living in my home. Take one pill. Meals are delivered on wheels. I had a cast on my left arm. This was not necessary but slowed me down. I no longer drive or use the Roadrunner. There is someone to take me and do the chores around the house.

I do enjoy listening to nonfiction with my talking book and the crochet hook that my Grandmother Eby taught me how to use. I do enjoy all phone calls, emails, texts throughout the year. Thus, I am a HAPPY camper. (Do you know as a family we camped on the Corvallis, Oregon football field when Warren was one year old?)

I DO WISH THE BEST 2023 for each of you.

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## Dutch History in Manhattan

On February 2, 2023, a few stout souls braved the cold in Lower Manhattan to gather on the steps of City Hall to commemorate the 370<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the New Amsterdam Municipal Charter.

On February 2, 1653, when the Charter of New Amsterdam established the colony's municipal government, Pieter Casparszen van Naerden was an influential citizen in the diverse entrepreneurial trading community of 800 residents who spoke 18 different languages.

The new Charter was the culmination of efforts by colonists' demands for a municipal government empowering local officials to resolve disputes and manage affairs for the colony rather than relying solely on the Dutch West Indies Company board of directors in Holland.



View of New Amsterdam ca. 1653, copy of a 17th Century painting for I.N. Stokes, *Iconography of Manhattan Island*, NYC Municipal Library.

This was the beginning of municipal self-governance in Manhattan. The YouTube commemorative video of the Charter features a Frank Sinatra *New York! New York!* soundtrack with snippets from the New York City Council proclamation and Lower Manhattan Historical Society ceremony on the steps of City Hall: <https://youtu.be/iCl04Tz1vrk>.

## **Women's History Month**

March is a good time to dive into some of the recent scholarship on women in the New Netherland colonies. Some suggestions:

Chamorro-Ortiz, Alexis. "[Crossings and Encounters: Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the Atlantic World](#)" ed. by Laura R. Prieto and Stephen R. Berry." *New York History* 103.1 (2022): 213-215.

Kramer, Erin. "[That she shall be forever banished from this country": Alcohol, Sovereignty, and Social Segregation in New Netherland.](#)" *Early American Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 20.1 (2022): 3-42.

Traudt, Kristina Staats. "[Beakers, Berkemeiers, and Roemers: Glass Drinking Vessels from the 17th-Century Dutch Settlement of Fort Orange, New Netherland.](#)" Diss. University of Massachusetts Boston, 2022.

## **Looking Ahead**

### **America 250: Semiquincentennial**

This milestone in American history coincides with our next Maybee family reunion! Watch for news about celebratory events near you! <https://www.america250.org/>

### **New Netherland Quadricentennial**

In 2024 we will celebrate the quadricentennial of the *New Netherland's* arrival in Albany and New Amsterdam! Watch for news of quadricentennial events in New York and New Jersey.

## **Obituaries: Rest in Peace**

### **Beth Anne Mabey, 74**

Beth passed away on Saturday, February 11, 2023, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

### **Byron "Bill" William Mabey Jr., 93**

Bill passed away in January in Sweet Home, Oregon.

### **Vicki M. Maybee, 81**

Vicki passed away on Thursday, January 19, in Plymouth, Indiana.

## **Who We Are**

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## **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. 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 at the address above. Checks should be made payable to Ann Christmann, NOT to the Maybee Society.

