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The President's Corner

Dear Cousins,

Let's see, have any of you ever taken a genealogy trip before? Or many times before? That is probably a silly question to this audience! But in among our hectic life the last few months, we did manage to fit one in! For a whole stinkin' day! This one was for me, however. Not the husband's/Mabee side, but I thought you still might like to hear about it. It was finally, after several years in the works (covid you remember). I have wanted to go to a place called Groton, Massachusetts for quite some time. It just so happens that I have a cousin who lives there also, on my father's side. We had lunch and dinner with them. A great time and in a historic 1747 tavern.



It is a beautiful little quintessential New England town (after all these years) My ancestor's name is Mathias Farnsworth III. He was a 14-year-old boy working out in the fields with his siblings, neighbors, and

stepfather when they were put upon by Abenaki native Americans August 11, 1704. The others escaped but he was captured and taken to Montreal. He was apparently "rescued" and taken in by the Jesuit priests who taught him about life in New France. He even had the Governor as a God Father when he was baptized into the Catholic faith (from Puritan). Then at age 22 he married a young lady and was given land. Sooo, he never came back to Groton. He is considered "Unredeemed". I am descended from their daughter Marie Francoise, the 7th of 12 children. We were all treated like royalty and given tours of the historical society museum, a walking tour of the village, and then a driving tour to the area where the Farnsworth and Nutting families had their lands. Then we ended up walking around at the Old Burying Ground where many of my cousins are buried.

Then next morning we got to visit, after 20 years of trying, the Minute Man National Park. It was a beautiful sunny day and we got in lots of walking. It is about 10 miles between Lexington and Concord and the North Bridge. We did not do it all, but stopped to read along the way. Then we arrived in Rhode Island in time to see our oldest granddaughter go off to her first prom. We celebrated our oldest grandson's confirmation and then cheered him on for his Varsity Lacrosse game! It was a jam packed few days.

It was a special treat to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary with friends, family and cake!



Congratulations to Kim and Gary!

I hope that you too can experience that feeling when walking the grounds of your ancestors. Here in Glenville and Schenectady, we do it every day for the Mabee side of the family!

Best,
Kim, President



Maybee Family Celebrations

Did you know the Maybee family history in the wine and beer business? Karen Wolzanski, a descendant of Barent Kool, and Susan Godlewski, a descendant of Pieter Casparszen, are keeping the family wine and beer tradition alive.

On May 4, 1654, Pieter Casparszen and Barent Jacobsen Kool were appointed as Wine and Beer Carriers for New Amsterdam. All descendants of these two men are automatically eligible for membership in the Society of the Descendants of the Sworn Wine & Beer Carriers of Nieuw Amsterdam. The only requirement is to commemorate the occasion by a toast.



Karen and Susan

On May 4, 2023, Karen and Susan raised their glasses in a toast to honor our ancestors and the 369th anniversary their entrepreneurial venture into the wine and beer business.

Tapping into Family Roots

Now that summer is on the horizon and COVID is losing its grip, it's a good time to make plans for summer travel. How about a Family Roots trip to New York? You can start with a map tour.

Mapping New Amsterdam

What was New Amsterdam like when our Dutch ancestors first arrived? The original 1624 settlement of 30 families sponsored by the Dutch West India Company had grown to about 1500 when Pieter and

Aechtje were married in 1651. By 1653 they were living on the corner of Broad and Marketfield Streets where they raised their children. You can locate the address on the highly detailed [Costello Plan](#).



1916 rendition of the Costello Plan

Colonial New Amsterdam

Bring your map tour to life with a walking discovery tour of New Amsterdam historic sites.

[Untapped New York](#) highlights tours of colonial New Amsterdam where our first ancestors settled.

- [A walking tour of New Amsterdam streets](#)
- [A guided tour of New Amsterdam remnants](#)

Mabee Family Farm

Straight up the Hudson River from New York City is the [Mabee Farm Historic Site](#) near Schenectady in Rotterdam Junction, New York. The oldest house in the Mohawk Valley, the Mabee Farm was bought by Jan Mabee in 1705 and home to generations of the Mabees until 1993 when

it was donated to the Schenectady County Historical Society as a museum and living history education and discovery center featuring facilities for events and outdoor recreation.

Historic Huguenot Street

While you're in the Hudson River Valley, check out the New Netherland Market Place 1645 on June 10-11, 2023, at [Historic Huguenot Street](#) in New Paltz, New York. This Living History Event will take you back to the diverse world of mid-17th century New Netherlands.

Schedule of Historic Huguenot Events



Looking Ahead

It's not too soon to start making plans for celebrating important milestones of our Dutch American heritage.

America 250: Semiquincentennial

This milestone of American history coincides with our next Maybee family reunion in 2026! Watch for news in the near future about celebratory events all over the country!

<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.

From the Editor

Please share noteworthy events, family stories, and other news with the family.

We want to hear from you! Send an email or snail mail note to Kim, Steve, Paul, or Lindsay.

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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. 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.

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