

# MAYBEE SOCIETY COMMUNICATOR

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## The President's Corner

Dear Cousins,

Wellll, I am just making this issue by 1 day, again! The winter edition! Sigh, we have been side tracked by family and activities fast and furious. We got a new preemie grandson on January 9<sup>th</sup>! Caleb Dawson Mabee was born at 2 lbs 3 ounces. He came home on March st and is now a whopping 6 lbs. A cute little guy! Sooo, I also got the DAR reports finished and then we got to take care of granddaughter Emerson for more than a week while the rest of the family went skiing in Canada!



This is Dad Jonathan Mabee, and big brother Tristan holding Caleb.

I am waiting to hear how Lindsay made out with her new grandchild that is on the way! Here is hoping we know soon!

Soooo, has anyone seen the new website yet??

<https://www.maybeesociety.org/>

Paul has done an amazing job!! We Thank YOU! I just need to relearn how to search again now. Paul went live with it in December and will write an article talking about it soon. He says it has

more modern tools and is much more easily updated! He is still working on it, so be patient! He is still a working man!

For your further information, I know I mentioned it in the last newsletter, now that we have more planning done, for those members who also have genealogy lines intertwined with the Truax family, <https://www.philippedutrieux.com/how-we-got-here/about-philippe-du-trieux/> They are having a Zoom/online reunion on June 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:00-4:00 (being considerate for the west and east coast members) The speakers lined up are Russell Shorto, “Island at the Center of the World” and Beth Caruso, a recent author who has written a very factual (I checked) novel on great grandmother Maria Truax, “The Salty Rose”. Then Marietta Carr, the archivist of the Schenectady County Historical Society, will speak on the Truax collection of papers that were donated by the organization, just like the Maybee Society papers. It is \$20 but includes a year’s membership, meaning 4 newsletters etc. Another friend and fellow DAR member Laural Andrews, contacted me to critique and edit pages of a book she just had published on the “Yates of the Mohawk Valley”. She placed copies of it in libraries, for those who have Yates lines. I do not believe it is online at Amazon.

We held our tea party celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> right along with Boston on December 16<sup>th</sup>, did you? Our DAR chapter had it right on the day at the Tailored Tea in Colonie. We used it to give our our awards for the year. Then that evening I got to watch it via the link online right in Boston with all the pomp and circumstance.

## America 250 and the New Netherland 400

Exciting news! Just last week I listened to a zoom by Russell on the brand-new exhibit in the New York (city) Historical Society. The title is “New York Before New York: The Castello Plan of New Amsterdam” here is the link, <https://www.nyhistory.org/exhibitions/new-york-before-new-york-the-castello-plan>

I would love to see it in person. It is only up until July 14 of this year!

“On the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the Dutch founding of a colony that would give rise to New York, this special installation is organized around the Castello Plan, a map depicting New Amsterdam around the peak of its settlement circa 1660, just before the English took control. While modest in size, the map—on loan from the Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana in Florence—provides a remarkably rare glimpse of everyday life in New Amsterdam revealing a complex colony of about 1,500 people at the southern tip of the island of Mannahatta. The installation unpacks the Plan, highlighting the remarkable global reach of the tiny settlement, its dense mix of ethnicities and languages, the Dutch ideas of tolerance that undergirded it, and the dark legacies of slavery and of the dispossession of Native Americans that it relied upon. Through documents and objects, and a 3D model, the installation explores how settlers, Indigenous people, and enslaved Africans experienced the world illustrated in the Castello Plan. *Curated by Russell Shorto, director, New Amsterdam Project. Virtual Castello Plan produced by the New Amsterdam History Center. With special thanks to the New Netherland Institute, the New Netherland Research Center at the New York State Office of Cultural Education, Dr. Barbaro Martinez-Ruiz, Laura Ten Eyck, Dr. Andrew Lipman, and Dr. Joseph Diamond.*”

I copied this from their website.

THANK YOU to Jon von Briesen!!! He last minute alerted some of us! I did get the notice but was too busy to pay attention. I am sure it will show up on YouTube soon!



THE 250<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of the Schenectady raising of the Liberty Flag/Pole!! It turned out to be a gorgeous day, sunny and warm. The reenactors were fantastic and the skit they performed on the historical society steps before going over was well done also. Then we all marched around the block to the church where they erected it. We then went into the church community room and listened to congratulatory speeches by historians and politicians.

Humanities New York is having a program --*An eye-opening dialogue on the **global influence** of Northeast American Indigenous approaches to **diplomacy and justice**.* By Nicole Eustace and New Blackhawk Thursday, April 11 6 pm–7:30 pm -- it does cost about \$10 but sounds interesting.

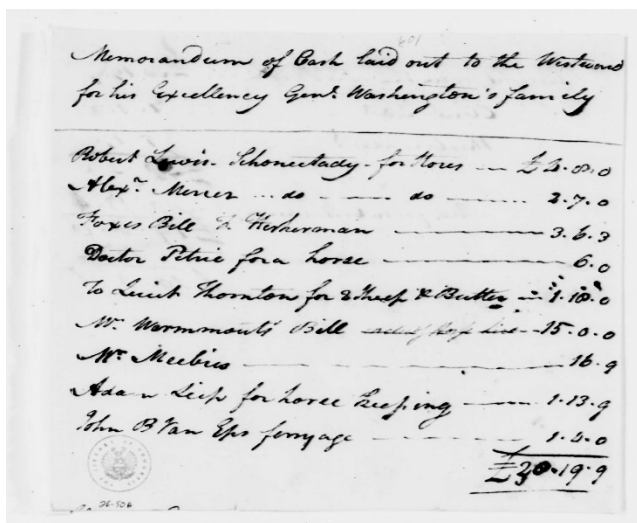
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-conversation-nicole-eustace-ned-blackhawk-tickets-814562326847?aff=emailprograms31424>

**Reunion**

It is still scheduled for Sunday July 13, 2025 12:00 noon at the Mabee Farm Historic Site. Let me know if you are coming from a distance and would like to make a weekend of it. I would then put some effort into planning what the interest is. We are always up for a tour of the stockade, etc. etc.

**Maybees/Meebies/Mabees/Mabies Through History**

I would sure like to know for sure which Mr Meebie was the one who conducted business with George Washington on his trip through the Mohawk valley in 1783!! An author I heard and met a number of years ago, Norman J. Bollen, wrote "George Washington and the Mohawk Frontier". He told me about the documents he found in the Washington papers in Virginia doing research for his book. He wrote in the book he thought it was a Mabee tavern on the north side of the river opposite the farm. I am not so sure. That may have been the Swart tavern he stopped at but there was a John and Arent Mabee who had a farm there, (born 1728/39 and served as privates in the Rev War) sons of Jan's son Peter. Perhaps it was their father's land that they inherited from him and Jan.



The 16 shillings and 9 pence must have been for something good!!?? Orrr could it have been in town for something done by Abraham's son Albert, a member of the Sons of Liberty!? I guess there is no way to know at this point in time. Sad. But it was wonderful of Norm to be so generous and share the documents with us! He said he found it in dal Verme's Journal "Memorandum of Cash" where he kept accounts for GW. Norm also has Maybee ancestors, Hester, daughter of John who married Brigadier General Henry Adam Fonda in Schenectady and lived out toward the town of Fonda. So, it might even be possible it was one of the Mabees out there.

Expences (in which those of Governor Clinton and other gentlemen who accompanied me are included) on a Tour to Crown Point to the northward and Fort Schuyler and Schoep Lake to the westward

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	Carriage place between Lake George and Lake Champlain	7	9 4
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	Putnam's Do		16
	See George		16
	Fort Edward returning	9	10
	Ball's Tavern	1	4
	Tavern 5 miles from Schenectady	3	6
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**Letters Column**

After the last issue we received a wonderful communication from a descendent name Michael Kirchner! Here is a little of what he said!!

I am writing to express my appreciation for the work you have done, and to see about registering and membership. I submitted this same note on the online form, but given the nice site makeover in progress, wanted to also send via email to ensure its delivery. The new site looks great.

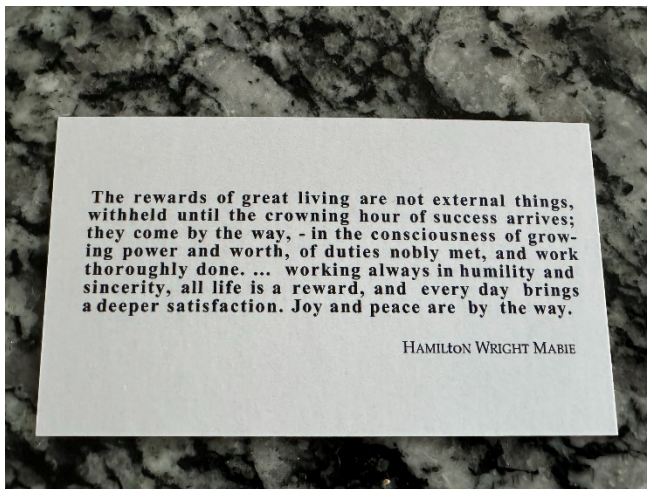
This effort has been very helpful for me. My grandparents are part of the Maybee tree, and I am as well.

By chance this morning, I was reading a book when a bookmark/card fell out. On the back of the bookmark was a quote by Hamilton Wright Mabie, who shares a common ancestor with my line: the elder Abraham Mabie. I've attached that photo below. I thought this was a good reminder to check in on this site and get connected if possible.

I am an AI research scientist by profession, and I have used my genealogy as a useful testing ground for hierarchical data. I have also just received results back from a full 30x genome sequence I had done. I am happy to be of charitable service for data-related topics, so do let me know if there's anywhere I can lend a hand.

Thanks so much!

Michael



## Len Tantillo Created a New Painting of Schenectady!

Up coming!! April 9th

Artist Len Tantillo has his newest painting, *Schenectady 1680* all finished. You can see a sneak peek, (they blurred it, I did not do that) but we would love for you to be there during the big reveal at the SCHS [1st Annual Gala Honoring Len Tantillo!](#)



Join us for this special evening honoring the work and contributions of Mr. Tantillo as we enjoy dinner, a wine tasting, and unveil *Schenectady 1680*, which recreates our colonial cityscape in vivid, living detail.

For decades, Len Tantillo has been the defining artist of New York's history. The painting will be prominently displayed in our 'Beyond the Pines' exhibition, which is undergoing a redesign this spring. SCHS is so grateful to our generous benefactors -- the Layton family -- who made this painting possible. We're excited to celebrate the work of Mr. Tantillo at our inaugural gala, and hope you can be there to preserve and promote our shared history.

The gala will take place on Tuesday, April 9 at 5:30pm in SCCC's Van Curler Room. Purchase tickets (\$80-\$100) by visiting [schenectadyhistorical.org/event/gala](https://schenectadyhistorical.org/event/gala).

This will be Len's 3<sup>rd</sup> painting in the collection of SCHS! Annd I get to say I was involved in helping with all 3 of them!!

## ARE YOU A VETERAN???

Specifically, if you served between 1955 to 1975!! Our, and a number of other DAR chapters, are partners with the Department of Defense and would like to make sure you receive a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Vietnam War pin and certificate!!

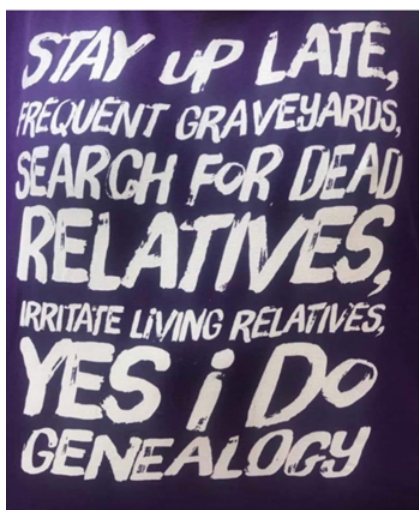
We do it every March 29<sup>th</sup>, the recognized Vietnam War date. Next year, 2025 is the last year this program is available!

## **HOPE YOU ALL HAD A HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY YESTERDAY!**

We had our New England corned beef dinner and it was delicious!!

Enjoy the upcoming Spring!

Kim



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## Dues

The officers of the Maybe 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 at the address above. Checks should be made payable to Ann, NOT to the Maybe Society. Checks should be made out to Ann Christmann.