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The President's Corner

Dear Cousins,

Pardon me while I go off on a rant! This one does happen to be Mabee genealogy created?! I have to do this now, while it is on my mind!

I do not think I have spoken of our son Jonathan J. Mabee much. This past year he decided to sell his house in Niskayuna and purchased a 4-acre plot of land south of Albany in Feura Bush/Glenmont/Bethlehem to build a new one. I know the genealogy of their lines forward and back and knew that Jan and Anna's oldest daughter Aechtje/Eva married Cornelis Slingerland, and that is one of their 4 lines/children that are descended from Jan and Anna. However, we had never had much reason to drive around that area, but now we do! The first or second time we went there, out of the corner of my eye, I caught sight of the historic marker a half mile north of the property. Well, that started me off this week, as I had a little time to research, and it blew me away to learn more and to study this line of the families better. Yes, my daughter has Albert Mabee as a patriot in DAR. I am still fighting with them for John Mabee Jr to be approved.

They descend from the Slingerlands via Gary's mom. The main reason the historic marker is there is because grandson/cousin Teunis built a house there in 1762. Apparently, 3rd son Cornelis moved to Schenectady but left his son on his father's land, or perhaps they inherited a piece of it? I have not searched that far yet! There are photos on the internet from a news article showing what the inside and property look like. It still has lots of historic features. Soooo, the crazy part that has me going round in circles is that various Mabee cousins married into the same line. Cornelis married Eva oldest daughter of Jan & Anna. Their granddaughter, Engeltje Vrooman, married the son of Eva's brother Abraham,

nephew Albert Mabee. Sooo -- does that make them 1st cousins once removed? Or if you look at it the opposite way, Albert married his aunt's granddaughter! We are glad it was almost 300 years ago! I am always checking Gary for webbed feet! So thennnn, it comes around again. Catherine, the daughter of Albert, (Gary's 4th great grandmother) married a Peek and from there it comes down to his mom Helen, who married a John Mabee. So, there you have it. My family tree maker program will not, or cannot, spit that out for me at all; that there is more than one relationship at a time.

Back to the house, it was built according to the sign by grandson Teunis, son of Cornelis and Eva, and was last sold in 2017. Ultimately, our son is buying back a small piece of the 9,000 acres purchased from the Indians in 1654 by his 9th great grandfather. Talk about walking in our ancestor's footsteps!

Hope you all are having a great summer!

<https://secondshelters.com/2017/12/01/new-york-home-once-housed-family-of-early-u-s-settlers/>

Kim Mabee
President



Roy Mabee: The Busiest Mabee?

Kurt Drummond Brown

Be it rodeos, pro wrestling, or competitive fishing, Roy Mabee was a man of action. Born on September 25, 1886, Roy was raised in Oklahoma, where he became a rural mail carrier in the town of Jester, before purchasing land and becoming a rancher.

I discovered the legacy of Mr. Mabee while working on a book project on the history of professional wrestling in my home state of California. Growing up in the north Orange County suburb of Fullerton, I could never recall wrestling matches coming to our home turf or neighboring cities. I did a bit of my amateur sleuthing, and I found out that Roy Mabee was not only a star wrestler in our region, but he was also the man who ran the show.

Beginning his wrestling career in Oklahoma in 1909, Mabee spent several years wrestling in his home state. His most notable opponent in his rookie years was a member of the Native Blackhawk Tribe in Ontario, Canada named Chief Arthur Montour. The two wrestlers also did business together in managing jointly owned properties, and they would trade wins with one another on the mat. Like pro wrestling today, the mat game at that time was a “worked sport” with predetermined finishes. The key difference in that era was that the action mimicked more of a straight competitive match without dynamic maneuvers like flying tackles and acrobatic moves. While there were wrestlers who could get by on gimmickry back then, wrestlers like Roy Mabee actually garnered legitimate skills in submission grappling, similar to mixed martial arts today, minus the fisticuffs.

In November of 1914 Mabee vacationed in California, throwing a little work into the mix by wrestling in the beach city of Santa Barbara. That trip was a turning point for him as he fell in love with the Golden State, and by 1915 was a resident of Anaheim, where he ranched orange groves and began wrestling and promoting the sport. Local boxing promoter Billy Darnley appears to have been the figurehead president of Roy’s wrestling promotion, a move that promoters who double as main event wrestlers would utilize throughout the years to keep fans from questioning the legitimacy of a promoter who just happened to be the local champion.

For ten years Roy Mabee was instrumental in the local wrestling scene, wrestling on shows he promoted as well as matches run by neighboring promoters. He booked his matches intelligently, keeping himself as the top star, but giving up victories to opponents for the purpose of keeping the story from getting stale. He peaked in 1922 when he

wrestled world middleweight champion Ad Santel. While Ad Santel is a name absent from many wrestling historical pieces, he was considered the gold standard of a professional wrestler whose knowledge of legitimate submission wrestling was second to none.

Roy Mabee and Ad Santel locked horns for the first time in Anaheim on September 19 of that year, the match ending in a one-hour stalemate. Roy dominated most of the match, a move no doubt meant to draw a huge box office in a rematch with the championship on the line. Santel was a wrestler who took his profession very seriously, and he refused to make an ordinary wrestler look too skilled. This match alone is a testament to Roy Mabee’s wrestling skillset.

The rematch was held in Anaheim on December 19. In this two out of three falls affair, Ad Santel beat Roy in two straight falls. While on the surface this might seem like an anticlimactic showing for Roy Mabee, he dominated nearly thirty minutes of the first fall by getting near submissions with double wristlocks before Santel rebounded and locked a double arm scissors that made Mabee say “Uncle.”

The second fall once again saw Roy dominate the champ until Ad scored a second submission with an armlock. The total time of match was a solid ninety-minute affair. While it was a given that Santel would walk away with the championship, the fact that Mabee shone so brightly shows the respect that one of wrestling’s finest pure grapplers had for Anaheim’s pride and joy.

Roy dropped professional wrestling very suddenly in 1925. While no explanation or mention of retirement was given, it is likely that his exit from the business was due to the formation of the Athletic Commission of the State of California. The commission was formed to govern both wrestling and boxing matches. This jurisdiction made it much more difficult for grassroots promoters to afford or obtain licenses to run wrestling shows. Since Roy Mabee promoted in smaller arenas in a few local towns, he likely saw that continuing promotional work would be a money pit rife with politicking.

That said, Roy Mabee continued to get press over the next thirty years, this time as a champion fisherman, winning multiple angling and casting competitions. He was president of the local Chapter of The Izaak Walton League (named after a 17th century author and angler), and he was made a lifetime member of the organization in 1941. His orange groves must have been quite profitable, since he was known to gather groups of fellow fishermen into his 21 passenger DC-3 and head to La Paz, Mexico, where they would engage in fishing competitions. Most of their catches were served up to local impoverished residents. On top of that, from 1938 until his passing he took motion picture cameras to film the outings' highlights, as well as the local historical sites he visited.

On December 1, 1956, 70-year-old Roy Mabee died when he crashed while attempting to land a four seat plane at the Fullerton Airport. As there was no radio communication in the minutes before the wreck, officials suggest he may have suffered a heart attack and lost consciousness.

Yes, Roy Mabee was a man of action, there was no slowing down for this cool cat, starting from his first rodeo up until his final plane flight. A toast to Roy Mabee!

Maybees at Stockdale

Peter W. Johnson

Stockdale is a small community 100 miles east of Toronto ON, and north of Trenton, ON. It was in Murray Township, Northumberland County, but today it is identified as part of Murray Ward in Quinte West.

One of the two most frequent surnames in Stockdale Cemetery is Maybee. The other is Walt and both have deep roots in Colonial America.

My first transcription of the Stockdale Cemetery dates back to 1976. I did not live near it at the time, so there were times I wished to check out a marker so that transcription proved to be very handy. The second transcription dates to 1982 and it was an "Annotated Transcription". Aside from the information on each marker, I added a section for additional information. For example, if a woman's

maiden name was not on the marker, I added it to the Annotation. All subsequent transcriptions were annotated. As for living some distance from the cemetery, for many years I have lived close enough to walk to it.

The third transcription dates to 2009. Eventually I decided on another one which began in 2021 and was not finished until early 2023. The Annotations were far more detailed.



Catherine (Gunter) Maybee tombstone at Stockdale Cemetery.

Short of room, the Carver decided to abbreviate Maybee.

Photo by P Johnson, 2005

The Cemetery dates to at least 1834 but might be older. The story passed down is that the first burial was possibly a young girl, and the body was transported to the site by a wagon driven by a Maybee. William Huff Maybee or Ephraim Maybee are the most likely candidates if the story is true. The 2023 Transcription contains over 1,500 entries and each entry accounts for one burial or in many cases, more than one. There is also a section for known burials lacking markers or cases where there is the distinct possibility that the person is buried there.

The earliest Maybee buried at Stockdale is likely Abraham Maybee Jr. (1777-1862), a son of Loyalist Capt. Abraham Maybee UE. It is possible that older brother Peter Maybee (1775-1830) might also be at Stockdale, but there is no proof. The Maybees settled in Adolphustown in 1784 and brothers Peter and Abraham Jr were in Murray Township a few years before the War of 1812. At an earlier time, this Maybee family lived in Bergen County, NJ. The earliest man buried at Stockdale might be Abraham Gunter Sr. (ca 1767 - ca1855), but neither he nor some other candidates have markers. The earliest known woman buried at Stockdale is Nancy

(Simmons) Porter (ca 1763-1854). She has a marker. The earliest death date on a marker is 1834.

This year I also compiled a new transcription of Mt. Zion Cemetery, a much smaller burying ground south of Stockdale. There are a few Maybees buried there, but there are a large number of people named “Down” and they are all Maybee descendants.

Another Mabee turned up in a tattered scrapbook that originated with the Alyea family north of Trenton, Ontario. The local newspaper obituary reads as follows:

Mabee – At Riverside, on Monday, October 21st, 1918. Phebe Ann Mabee, wife of the late Joseph Mabee, aged 85 years, 4 months, 14 days.

Phoebe Ann (1833-1918) was a Southard by birth. In 1857 she married Joseph Thompson Mabee (1829-1905). They are buried at Stockdale Cemetery and many of their family are buried in nearby Frankford. They had six sons and five daughters. Two died very young.

Most of the local Maybee descendants are linked to Captain Abraham Maybee, UE. Joseph T, who favored the spelling without at “Y,” was not descended from Captain Abraham, although he was distantly related. The two photos below are of Joseph and Phoebe. Phoebe’s photo is the type referred to as a “Cabinet Card.”



Peter Mabee and Phoebe Southard Mabee



South Valley Mabee Reunion News

Barbara Kineke

On Sunday July 9th the descendants of William and Sophia Scripture Mabee enjoyed their annual reunion at the Fish and Game Club in Cherry Valley, New York. 25 were present. We had a nice day for it with the rain holding off until it was all done. Those attending were from Oneonta, Amsterdam, Gloversville, Mohawk, Otego, South Valley, McGraw, Meadville, Pa., and Douglas, MA.

The family photo was taken by Mick Kineke before the meal and then Charlie Brodie thanked God for the food, before we all sat down to enjoy our meal and talk.



Left to right, front row: Emily Storey and Paul Mabee Jr, [Lisa Mabee](#), Aaliyah Hurley and [Paul Mabee Sr.](#) kneeling, Aiden and Nellie, Mabee, Andrew and Nathaniel, Tiffany and [Marcus Mabee](#), and [Carol Brodie](#). Back row is Mick Kineke, Joanne and Charlie Brodie, Barb Kineke, [Shannon Richards](#), [Renee Merolli](#), Bob Mabee, Marylou Bach, [Donna Brodie Hatch](#) and [Steven Hatch](#). Shorter guy standing in front of Shannon and Renee is Patrick. Later arrivals, [Wendy Mabee](#) and Matt Hurley missed the group photo,

The most seasoned member was Bob Mabee of Gloversville. Youngest was Aaliyah Hurley of Oneonta, NY. Marylou Brodie Bach traveled the farthest from Meadville, PA approximately 411 miles and Paul Mabee had the most family members present, 14 in all. There is always a nice variety of great food and we have started to compile recipes for

our dishes to be brought in a loose leaf binder each year for anyone who wants to copy any of them. The reunion started out with our annual basket raffle and there were 9 baskets that all were trying to win. Winners were as follows: Beach Dish Basket-Carol Brodie, Kids Toys in a bag-Aiden Mabie, Kids Toy and Candy basket-Aaliyah Hurley, Candy Vase-Barb Kineke, Maple Basket-Paul Mabie, 4th of July basket-Paul Mabie, Bottle of Wine-Tiffany Mabie, Woman's Pampering Basket-Donna Hatch and Kids bucket of Toys-Paul Mabie.

A business meeting was held after the meal where the secretary, treasurer and historian reports were all read. Officers remain the same, Charlie Brodie President, Donna Lou Hatch Secretary/Treasurer and Barb Kineke Historian. The following was reported:

Two births: Oliver John Brodie to Nicholis and Dawn Brodie in Florida, and river Gabriel Hall to Taylor and Jenna Mabie Hall in Georgia.

Four deaths. Sharon Thompson, Teresa Ann Mabie, Jon Schaffer and Vincent Rocco Staffo.

Two marriages. Michael Kineke to Eileen Wrobel and Jaime Brodie Cooper to David Cool.

Three high school graduations. Ashley Johnson, Cody Thompson and Daniel Bradt.

Five college graduations. Kendall Mabie, Kelsea Mabie, Gregory Zuill, Abigail Dent and Michael Todd.

Anniversaries. Five years: Les and Becky Webster Seaton, John and Amanda Ritchey Jones, and Michael and Emily Mabie Hartzel. **Ten years:** Charles and Joann Thompson Brodie. **35 years:** Mark and Debra Mabie Anderson. **50 years:** Jerry and Ella Webster Mabie. **65 years:** Leland and Pat Norton Mabie.

Military news. Christopher Bateman joined the 109th NY Air National Guard Recruiting in Scotia, NY.

Kudos: Jenna Hall was awarded Teacher of the Year in Commerce, Georgia. Morgan Todd received her White Coat. Michael Todd gave his dissertation for his master's at Colorado state University. Abigail Dent, Olivia Hansen and Madeline Hansen all made the Dean's list at their respective colleges. Abigail Dent placed 1st in the 20-29-year-old category at the annual Oneonta Family YMCA Frostbite 5K on New Year's Day 2023.

The South Valley group is celebrating 100 years in 2025 and is planning to join the BIG Mabie/Mabee reunion at the Mabee home that year.

Next year's South Valley Reunion will be held July 14, 2024, at the home of Mick and Barb Kineke 801 Robinson Road, Mohawk, NY. We hope to see more of William and Sophia Mabie's descendants there. William and Sophia had 12 children. Of those 12 there are descendants of sons Arba, Washington and David Anthony who are regulars at our reunion. We would love to see James Dana Mabies descendants from where he relocated in Wisconsin. We also would love to have Margaret Clarissa Powers, John Peter Mabie, Mary Catharine Mabie Clark, William Henry Mabie and Annette Mabie Conrad Gray represented.

Any genealogy questions about how you may fit in can be emailed to Barb Kineke at micknbarb1980@yahoo.com. Please contact me to have your name and contact info for more information for next year!

A New Maybee Baby!

Congratulations to Angela and Peter Johnson (#11) who welcomed their ninth grandchild, Molly Elizabeth, born on July 10, 2023, in North Bay, Ontario. The happy parents are Meredith (Johnson) and Adam Morash. Molly is a descendant of Captain Abraham Maybee, UE. Welcome to the family, Molly!

Looking Ahead

America 250 in 2026: Semiquincentennial

This milestone in American history coincides with our next Maybee family reunion! 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.



MAYBEE DISCUSSION BOARD

You've spent years researching your family origins and you could rattle off the names and birth dates for fourteen generations of ancestors in your sleep.

You have a treasure trove of photos, documents, anecdotes and memorabilia organized and neatly labeled in boxes, folders, thumb drives, your hard drive, and five online genealogy sites.

You've collaborated with distant cousins to track down obscure ancestors all over the world.

Now you want to pass on a lifetime of work to the next generation. How's that going?

- Who is ready to take on the role of family genealogist?
- How are you managing this?
- How can we help each other out?

As you think about what will happen to your legacy of family history and genealogy, check this out –

[*Crafting Your Genealogy Will*](#)

An interview with Denise May Levenick

Let's talk about it!



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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. 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 Maybe Society.