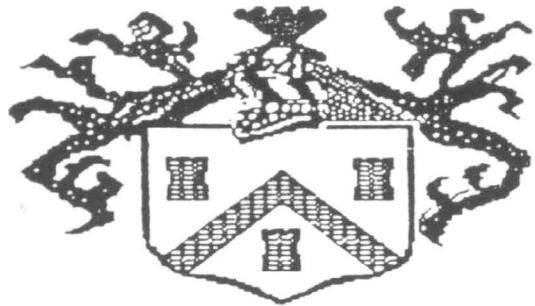


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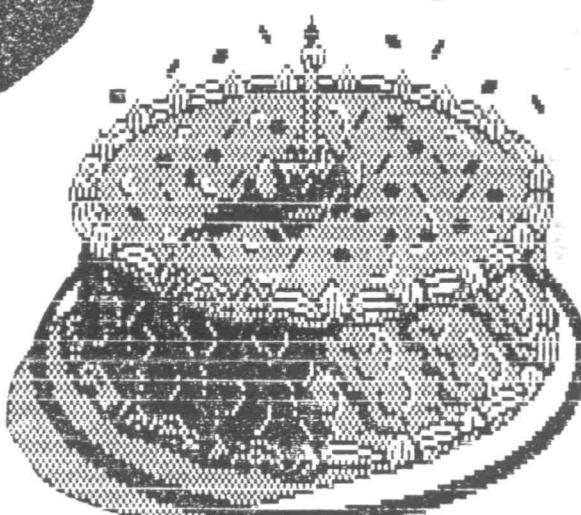


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 sp-KEVIN RABORGE-
 3--- Philip KEITH ENSLEY- (1943)
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 3--- Clifford JAMES ENSLEY- (1947)
 4--- SCOTT Cameron ENSLEY- (1972)
 4--- JENNIFER Beth ENSLEY- (1976)
 sp-Judy KOIVU- (1945)
 3--- DAVID RICHARD ENSLEY- (1949)
 4--- Rebecca ENSLEY- (1986)
 2--- Hazel MABIE- (1920)
 sp-JOHN A. E. FOREMAN- (1912)
 3--- Sylvia LOUISE FOREMAN- (1948)
 sp-WILEY THOMAS HESTER- (1942)
 4--- Erica NICOLE HESTER- (1972)
 4--- JOSHUA JOHN HESTER- (1981)
 4--- Tara ELIZABETH HESTER- (1983)
 3--- Jeaneen MARIE FOREMAN- (1949)
 3--- Marilyn JUNE FOREMAN- (1951)
 3--- ROBIN DEE FOREMAN- (1962)
 2--- RICHARD OSGOOD MABIE- (1922)
 sp-Ruth MARIE ALLEN- (1923)
 3--- WARD ALLEN MABIE- (1947)
 2--- Guy ROBERT MABIE- (1923)
 sp-JEAN LOUISE WHIPPLE- (1932)
 3--- JANICE Van MABIE- (1955)
 sp-RICHARD AUGUST HILL- (1954)
 3--- Mark Van MABIE- (1957)
 2--- Harold EARL Jr. MABIE- (1926)
 sp-Beth Josephine SEXTON- (1926)
 3--- Van RICHARD MABIE- (1954)
 3--- LESLIE Gail MABIE- (1948)



Harold E. and Marguerite (Osgood) Mabie



Diane (Ensley) Orme, Scott, Creta (Mabie), Jennifer, Cliff, and Grover Ensley



Richard O. and Ruth (Allen) Mabie with son Ward



Guy R. and Jean (Whipple) Mabie with son Mark



Harold Earl Mabie, Jr.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - HAROLD E. MABIE, SR

Mr. Harold Earl Mabie, Sr. and forty members of his family celebrated his 100th birthday Saturday noon, January 12, in Pueblo, Colorado at a dinner held at the Pueblo Country Club. The dinner was hosted by the five Mabie Children – daughters Creta Ensley of Highland Beach, Florida, and Hazel Foreman of San Jose, California; sons Richard and Guy of San Diego, and Harold, Jr. of Pueblo. Also present were Mr. Mabie's sister, Lucile Armstrong of Farmington Hills, Michigan, eleven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. The guests, including several nieces and nephews, came not only from Grand Junction, Colorado Springs, and Denver, but from California, Arizona, Texas, South Dakota, Michigan, and Florida.

Mr. Mabie is one of the myriad descendants of Rev. Daniel Mabie of Delhi, New York. His father, Alphonso Hale Mabie, a great grandson of Daniel, was born in 1859 in Delhi (one hundred years after Daniel's birth). Alphonso was taken as a child by his parents to Iowa and later to Kansas, where he was married and where most of his nine surviving children were born.

Alphonso Hale became the head of a family which,



Five members of Alphonso Hale Mabie Family, 1956, from left to right: Guy, Lloyd, Lucile, Harold and Cliff

according to his obituary, figured extensively in the progress of railroading in the South and West. Five of Alphonso's seven sons, at one time or other, worked for the railroads. Harold Earl began as a teenager working under his father's direction constructing railroad bridges and buildings. His next job was in the Mississippi river town of Helena, Arkansas at the Missouri Pacific Railroad station, where he began sweeping up the floors and soon became the ticket agent.

Harold remembers being alone at work one early morning when the three time Presidential candidate, William Jennings Bryan appeared in the station. Harold was entranced by the famous man during their ensuing conversation and ever afterwards was a fan of Mr. Bryan's.



Harold Mabie in ticket office of Missouri Pacific Railroad Station, Helena, Arkansas - 1914

The Memphis office of the Missouri Pacific offered Harold a position, but he decided to join an older brother in the West. In 1914 he married Marguerite Osgood of Helena, and in 1918 they and their small daughter Creta moved to Montrose, Colorado.



With the optimism of youth Harold embarked on a career of faring despite his lack of experience in this field. After seven years he left for Pueblo, Colorado and once again worked for the Missouri Pacific--this time as office manager for the Pueblo Union Stockyards which were owned and operated by the Missouri Pacific. A year ago the Pueblo County Historical Society devoted an entire issue of its publication to the history of the Stock Yards, which were opened in 1889. The account stated, "For nearly forty years literally millions of head of livestock passed annually through the twenty-two acres of pens ... During a single year more than a million sheep alone went through the yard." Harold worked 18 years at the Yards and many of his reminiscences were quoted by the Historical Society.



Harold Mabie, Sr., Montrose, Colo., 1925

These were the difficult years of the Depression, Harold supporting five children on a modest salary. Harold and Marguerite remained cheerful and positive. They used their limited spare time to contribute to community activities. This didn't require money--only energy, time and goodwill. Marguerite was president of four school P.T.A.'s and Harold served as Committeeman for a Boys Scout troop, earning the Silver Beaver award. In 1943 Harold began a new career as secretary-treasurer for Pueblo Consolidated Steel. With their children now grown, Marguerite and Harold could find time for fishing trips, travel and bridge playing. They built a retirement home where Marguerite pursued her hobby of flower gardening.

Harold and Marguerite celebrated three wedding anniversaries--their 50th, 60th, and 65th--with large family gatherings and much festivity. Marguerite died in 1983. During their long life together she and Harold shared a variety of interests and activities. They had a large circle of friends and entertained often. Marguerite was renowned for her talent as a superb cook, notably for specialties such as pot roast, old fashioned Southern strawberry shortcake, and pies of all kinds made with flaky pastry. In their retirement years she and Harold traveled extensively in the United States and always spent part of each summer fishing at Colorado dude ranches. They both found their greatest pleasure in the experiencing of nature. Harold remembers that he and his wife, with a group of tourists, were observing the building of the Glen Canyon dam on the Colorado river. After listening to the tourists commenting on the marvels of engineering, Marguerite gave a little speech to say the

miracles of nature were far more marvelous than anything made by man. Her comments must have been heartfelt, as they elicited spontaneous applause from her audience.



Marguerite and Harold Mabie, 65th Wedding Anniversary, June 1979, Pueblo, Colorado

After retirement in 1959, at age 68, Harold learned to play golf. He also, with only word of mouth advertisement, began completing income tax returns -- ultimately for 250 clients. It was only in his 90's that he finally gave up this business, although he still does a few returns for some older clients. Harold lives alone in his own home with the help of a part-time housekeeper. An old injury necessitates his using a walker. With this aid he can skillfully negotiate steps, and he takes a walk every day when weather permits. He loves to work jigsaw puzzles and always has one on a card table in the process of being solved. He corresponds with many family members, using his own hunt and peck system on an old-fashioned typewriter. Harold reads the daily newspaper, U.S. News and World Reports, and the large type weekly issue of The New York Times. He listens to the evening news and never misses the MacNeilLehrer News Hour on public TV. He is proud that he has never missed voting in every election since he was 21 years old. He is able to converse ably on current affairs and his memory is keen.

Harold expresses himself vividly in his accounts of his youth in the small town of Lewisville, Arkansas. One time his daughter Creta and her husband Grover mailed him and Marguerite two jars of homemade apple butter. Grover, concerned about breakage enroute, wrapped the jars in several layers of packing material. Shortly there arrived the following letter from Harold:

"The apple butter jars arrived on Friday and were in good shape. The way they were packed there was no chance for any breakage. There was wrapping inside wrapping. When I was unwrapping the package an old event came back to mind. When F was a boy in Lewisville, Arkansas the tent carnivals would come to town. This little town had about fifteen hundred population, and in those days this was quite an exciting event. The entertainment was in the manner of vaudeville. Everything was simple in those days and it did not take much to entertain people. I remember just one act. There was music of some kind and an elderly actor was seated in a chair listening to the music. His feet started to tap time to the music and after a little he got up and started a slow jig. As he started dancing a little faster he took off his coat and threw it to one side. Then he took off a vest and as he danced faster he threw off another vest. In all there must have been about eight vests removed and in his shirt sleeves he was dancing quite lively. Now this was very funny for us."

The Mabie children remember their father's sense of humor and his ability to create simple pleasures for them. His daughter Creta recounts some special memories:

He often made candy of an evening, his specialities being fudge and divinity. Sometimes the divinity wouldn't harden and had to be eaten with a spoon. Once the plate containing the cooling candy fell off the window sill to the ground below. This didn't prevent the candy's being retrieved and eaten. Christmas was Dad's special province. He surveyed all the stores and carefully made his gift selections. There was always a decorated tree, and he came up with the idea for an original container for the traditional fruits and nuts. Instead of Christmas stockings, as we had no fireplace, we children each put our names on a slip of paper placed at the bottom of a pie tin and in the morning awoke to find the tins generously filled with goodies.

Dad loved laying card games, dominoes, and checkers with us. I was never able to beat my father at checkers. My sister Hazel learned to play auction bridge when her hands were too small to hold her cards easily. One spring Dad brought home a pail full of tiny tadpoles he had found in a pool somewhere. He dug a large hole in the back yard, filled it with water from the lawn hose, and all we children watched with wonder as the tadpoles grew legs and eventually hopped away. One duty our father never shirked was helping us with our school homework, although my lack of mathematical ability severely tested

his patience. He had learned math long before the advent of adding machines or computers and could add long columns of figures with amazing accuracy and rapidity. My reading ability was somewhat better, so Dad put me to reading one of his favorite books, Charles Dickens' "David Copperfield", when I was only nine years old. I remember giving this as an oral book review in the fifth grade.

The birthday dinner program, with Creta presiding, consisted of original, charming, and humorous talks addressed to Harold by his children and grandchildren. They gave spirited accounts of his interest in their lives and activities. His daughter Hazel told of remembering her father coming home each afternoon smiling and cheerful, with no complaints about his day. She said the memory of her parents' budgeting sessions around the dining room table has influenced her to the present time. Son, Guy, recounted attending the Boy Scout banquet when his father received the Silver Beaver Award. All the grandchildren told how their grandfather taught them to fish, to play card games, and the boys to play mumbletypeg. Grandson, Van Mabie, a schoolteacher in Leadville, California, lived near his grandparents while growing up. He recalled how he mystified his friends by spending many after school hours playing canasta with his grandfather -- until he brought one of them along to join in the fun! The oldest grandchild, Diane Ensley Orme, recalled her many summers visiting her grandparents, who took her on countless fishing trips in the mountains. These experiences influenced her to attend Colorado State University in Ft. Collins where she met her future husband. They now live in Spearfish, South Dakota where they raise registered Suffolk Sheep. The youngest participant was a great-granddaughter, Rebecca Ensley, who was five years old on January 17th. She accompanied her father, David Ensley to salute her great-grandfather during the dinner program. The honored guest, Harold Mabie, Sr. made the closing remarks, acknowledging each family and his appreciation for their coming.

The Mabie family agreed that the reunion to celebrate the 100th birthday of its oldest member was a huge success – bringing together individuals with a diversity of ages and occupations from widely separated geographical locations. Everyone left with an appreciation of family ties and a pride in having a 100 year old patriarch with so much optimism, alertness, good humor and ability to enjoy life.

We of the Maybee Society are proud to honor Harold Earl Mabie in this issue and would like to express our appreciation to the members of his family that took the time to help us report this event to you. Creta Ensley, member #38 wrote the above article, provided many of the older pictures and coordinated the project for us. Richard O. Mabie, #12 supplied us with the pictures of the party and Guy Mabie, #36 and his wife Jean supplied us with family data and helped us in many other ways. The entire family worked together to make this an outstanding event and one fitting for such an important occasion.



KIM & GARY MABEE, #78
15 VAN BUREN LANE, RD 4
SCOTIA, NEW YORK 12302

Gary, Kim, Amanda & Jonathan Mabee are now in their new home on the Mohawk River.

This picture is the back of the house - upper deck (from lower deck) off master bedroom, overlooking the Mohawk River.



SOURDOUGH JACK MABEE
2519 1ST AVE, APT #708
SEATTLE, WASH.
98121

Sour Dough Jack is now in Seattle working on preparing his new products for distribution. He now can be reached at this more permanent address.

In April he plans on returning to Alaska and you can reach him at:
455 3RD AVE, #617
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99701 (907) 456-7209

QUERIES

We were wondering if any of you have heard of a Carlton Mabee having anything to do with Marconi and/or the telegraph.

KIM & GARY MABEE, #78
15 VAN BUREN LANE, RD 4
SCOTIA, NEW YORK
12302

NEW ADDRESSES:

BARBARA CARTER, #3
161 DOGWOOD LANE, PLEASANT TIDES
BRINNON, WA
98576?

Now Walt has retired, Barbara and Walt have moved closer to the beach. Barbara still keeps busy with genealogy and a cookbook she is working on. One of the first things she located in the area was the Family History Center near there. She will still be happy to help any one who has questions about the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family History Centers.

ORRIN & MONA MAYBEE, #59
534 E. DEERFIELD
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI
65807

Orrin and Mona Maybee also have a new address, but moving was just part of their busy year. Orrin had triple by-pass surgery in May. They were fortunate to have one of their daughters move back to Springfield to be near them.

Judith and Ernest Maby, #15 (are looking for any Mabies in the N.E. that have Wyckoffs in their line. They also would like to correspond with anyone who is descended from the Mabies who lived in Hackensack Valley of New Jersey and wonders if anyone anywhere has ever found a will for Johannes Mabie of Tappan and the Kakiat Patent.
MR. & MRS. ERNEST MABY
6 RUDOLPH AVE.
KITTERY, MAINE 03904

HOWARD I. DURIE

We have recently learned from Judith Maby, # 15 of the passing of Howard I. Durie of Pomona, NY. Mr. Durie was a meticulous historian and was generous with his time and talents. Of particular interest to our family was his book "The Kakiat Patent" and his story of the '76 house which originally appeared in seven issues of the quarterly publication of the Pascack Historical Society, "Relics" which was later condensed for publication in the quarterly of the Rockland Co. Historical Society entitled "South of the Mountains." Mr. Durie was very kind to us and reviewed Creta Ensley's article on the 76 house before we published it in the "Communicator". He was a regular contributor to "Relics" and wrote many articles of great interest. We will miss the dedication he had to researching and accurately portraying historical events.

MAYBEEES UNITE

John A. "Jack" and Mary Maybee of Schenectady New York spend their winters in Dunderdin, Florida. In December they hosted a Maybee/Mabie gathering. Those in attendance included Margaret Mabie, widow of Byron L. Mabie, Betty Mabie, widow of Harland Mabie, Earl and Marietta Mabie, Willard and Maise Maybee, Floyd d Glen and wife Ruth Ann nee Maybee. While in Schenectady, they square dance with several other Maybees.

THANKS FOR REMEMBERING

We appreciate all of those that remembered that if you have not paid membership fees or dues during the year, your dues are automatically due in January. We also appreciate those that have added a little extra to their dues. We are concerned about the new postal rates as that is our biggest expense, but we will not raise dues unless it becomes absolutely necessary and so far we are doing fine.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

BYRON PERRY, #83
10020 23RD DR. S.E.
EVERETT, WA 98208

Byron Perry is a son of Bob and Belva, Perry, #2. Byron works in the computer department of The Boeing Company and often is called to assist his Mother with help on computers when it comes to doing newsletters, correspondence and recording information.

BIANCA KRALL, #84
8942 WALTER CT. S.W.
OLYMPIA, WA98502

Bianca Krall is also a daughter of the Perrys, she has an interest in her family and heritage, but two young children keep her from research.

BENITA SAATVEDT, #85
P.O. BOX 1095
ST. HELENS, OREGON 97051

Benita also a daughter of Bob and Belva is another member of the family with a great fondness for computers. She and her husband Jon live in St. Helens, Oregon where they both work for paper companies.

MR AND MRS. BRET PERRY, #86
2306 100th St. S.E.
EVERETT, WA 98208

Bret has many of the Maybee characteristics. He is the son of Belva and Bob Perry. Bret, his wife Vickie and their son Tylor will soon be moving into their new home at the above address.

MRS. MARGARET MABIE, #87
1718 INDIANA AVE.
PALM HARBOR, FLORIDA 34683

Margaret Mabie is the widow of Byron Mabie, 1913-1989. Byron was descended from William Mabie and Sophia Scripture, through their son James Dana Mabie and grandson, Oscar Arba Mabie. Margaret, Byron and their daughter Carolyn Mabie Eye have prepared a genealogy and family history on their branch of the family.

DON AND LYNN ALLEN, #88
7409 MILLER FALL RD.
DERWOOD, MARYLAND 20855

Marilyn Taylor Allen joins several other descendants of Jacobus Mabee (Maybee) as a member of the Maybee Society. Marilyn descends from Jacobus through his son, John and Polly Chubb Mabee.

EDMUND W. MABIE, #89

1 HIGH RIDGE ROAD

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12603

It was a chance conversation on an airplane that brought The Maybee Society to the attention of Edmund Mabie. Robert L Maby of Houston Texas, a retired geologist, who worked in Saudi Arabia for 27 years for ARAMCO (Arabian American Oil Co) was on a plane flight to San Francisco and sat next to a gentleman named Oliver W. Johnson. The two fell into conversation and Robert discovered that Mr. Johnson's wife was a Mabie. Robert hastily obtained Mr. Johnson's home address which he shared with cousins Judith and Ernest Maby, #15. Judith followed though and contacted Mr. Johnson's father-in-law, Edmund W. Mabie. Edmund reports that he too was one of those persons fortunate to have considerable correspondence with Royal Mabee.

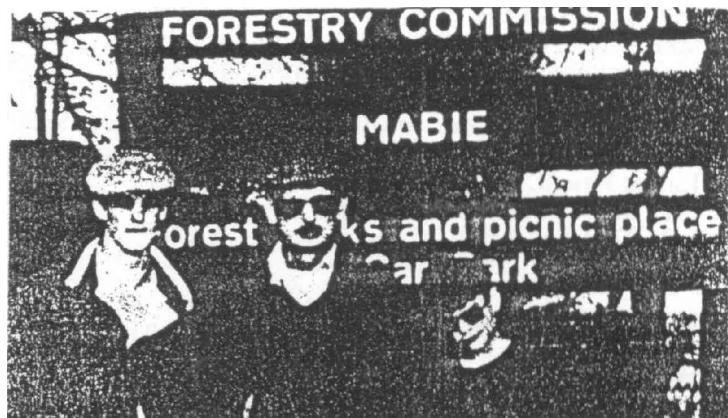
DELIA WOOD, #90

BOX 744

PACKWOOD, WASHINGTON 98361

Delia Wood has actively been searching for several years to learn more about her family. When her grandfather, Charles Frederick Mabee, was 20 he received a copy of his genealogy and after reading it he just tossed it into the fire. He was also a correspondent of Royal Mabee. How she found the Maybee Society is a story in itself. Delia called information and asked for some one of that name. She was given the name of Ed Maybee in Port Angeles, Washington. Ed has several small businesses grouped together called, Maybee's Village. The number they gave her was Ed's gas station. John A. Maybee, #58 had been in contact with Ed and had shared genealogy with him and his sister, Alice Kocman, but Ed did not have Jack's number with him at the station. A day or two before, Belva and her husband, Bob had made a special trip just to visit with members of the Maybee Society and other Maybees in the area and had dropped in on Ed. He still had our number there. She wrote to us on the same day and we now hope that we will be able to help her to know her connection with the rest of the family.

If anyone is interested in purchasing, "The United Churches of Hackensack and Schraalenburgh", by Adrian C. Leiby (\$15 postage paid) or "The Revolutionary War in the Hackensack Valley", by Adrian C. Leiby, (\$13.00 postage pd.), they may write to the Bergen County Historical Society, box 55, River Edge, NJ 07661, attention Pat Jacques.



MABIE SCOTLAND

Tom and Cindy Bryant shared with us a letter from Bob Mabie and his family to Bob's parents, Ellen and Lloyd.

"Dear Mom and Dad,

On the way up to Edinburgh, Scotland we came across a town named "Mabie". This is the Mabie House Hotel. It is just outside of Dumfries. All the guy in house knew was that a long time ago all the land around Dumfries was known as "the Land of Mabes". I guess through marriage and wars the land fell in and out of Mabie hands. Now there is just a forest and this house and it's surrounding land (which is a lot). It's beautiful. They lit a fire for us and brought out the coffee and cookies and we all had a nice chat .."

ADDRESSES YOU MAY FIND OF INTEREST:

PASCACK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 285

PARK RIDGE, N.J. 07656

ROCKLAND CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

20 ZUKOR RD.

NEW CITY, NY 10956

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

816 STATE ST.

MADISON, WI 53706-1482

BERGEN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOX 55

RIVER EDGE, NJ 07661