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THE NEW NETHERLAND PROJECT

From the *Bradt Family News*, we learn of the opportunity to become more closely involved in the New Netherland Project (NNP) by becoming members of its support group, *Friends of New Netherland*. The goal of the New Netherland Project is "To translate and publish the official records of New Netherland, bringing to life a fascinating part of the Dutch-American past."

For more information contact:

Friends of New Netherland
P.O. Box 2536 ESP Station
Albany, New York 12220-0536

LAND RECORDS ARE AVAILABLE

Cindy Bryant, #49 tells us that the Bureau of land Management is offering CDs for the following states: ARK, FL, LA, MI & WI (she has MI and WI). They are \$15 each including shipping. Major credit cards are accepted. They also list the property description, "So with little effort you can place the land!"

SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
P.O. BOX 371954
PITTSBURGH, PA 15250-7954
Phone: 202-512-1526

DOUBLE THE FUN

Paul and Vivien Turneure recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. When their grand-daughter was married they decided to celebrate at the same time with a barbecue for all of the family who were in town. Paul and Vivien were married September 7, 1935. We wish them continued happiness and hope their grand-daughter will follow their good example.

A TRIP THROUGH TIME

Because Tyrone Tillson, #103 is a writer, he could better describe the beautiful video that he sent to us. He and his wife Penny retraced the travels of Charles Maybee back to St. Joseph Missouri as described in *The Communicator* V2:5 and V20:4. The video contained scenery that would feel at home in an art gallery. It not only showed us the land and the buildings but also was produced with sound that stirred the emotions. We could hear and feel the peaceful river that turned into a thundering enemy as Charles traveled on his way to a rendezvous with fate and his meeting with his wife to be. We saw through the eyes of history the streets they walked and the buildings they frequented. It was the kind of a trip that anyone could enjoy, we saw and did so much without ever feeling the fatigue of a traveler.

ARTHUR D. MABEE



Jean Lintner, #34, shared this picture of Arthur D. Mabee, son of Abraham Downey and Rhoda (Humphrey) Mabee with us. He was an interior decorator who lived in New York. He painted the murals in the old Hippodrome Theatre there.

ELLEN ASHBY PAYNE ODOM



Melody Stinson Jenkins the director of The Ellen Payne Odom Genealogical Library, located in the Moultrie-Colquitt County Library has requested that we send our newsletters to them. Robert Cooney, Jr. # 168 initiated the contact. Irene Godwin writes, "We appreciate your gift of *The Communicator*."

.. Our aim is to help as many as we can in their search for their families. Your addition will be of benefit to many researchers."

They can be reached at:

ELLEN PAYNE ODOM GEN. LIB. #.016
MOULTRIE-COLQUITT CO. LIBRARY
P.O. BOX 1110; 204 5TH ST. S.E.;
MOULTRIE, GA 31776
Phone: 912-985-0530; Fax 912-985-0936

THE VAN NORDEN NAME

In a letter from W. Van Norden to a Mr. Banta written in October 1873 we learn that "The Van Norden name is old and was so spelled in Holland and not named here for the town they came from." In response to our article, "Van Norden, Van Naarden, Van Naerden, Van Orden" Mary Lynn Spijkerman Parker of the Dutch Family Heritage Society also called to our attention that some surnames were set before a family came to America.

WE ARE ALL PROUD OF OUR NAME - NO MATTER HOW WE SPELL IT

Petitions signed by 30 members of the family were sent to the Schenectady County Historical Society and the Maybee Society stating, "It has come to the attention of those attending the Annual William Mabie Reunion that there is movement underway to change the spelling MABIE as associated with the Jan Pieterse Mabie House in the Town of Rotterdam. As direct descendants of Caspar Mabie and Jan Mabie, we, the undersigned, do not want the spelling to be, in any way, altered."

In response to the above petition, The Schenectady- County Historical Society has asked us to print the following:

Dear Mr. Mabie

I received your note and the petition that you sent requesting that the spelling of the Mabee name be M-A-B-I-E in conjunction with the Mabee Farm. I would like to take this opportunity to explain why M-A-B-E-E is used by the Schenectady County Historical Society.

First and foremost George Franchere, who gave the farm to the Society, specifically requested that "Mabee" be used. It is a spelling that has descended in his branch of the family since 1725. All of the family member's names who are buried in the cemetery on the grounds are spelled in that way. The Society saw no reason to question his request and will continue to honor it in view of his most generous gift.

As we are all aware there are many spellings of the Mabee name that have descended from the French "Mabille". The committee fully intends to be sensitive to these differences when references are made to specific members of the family. Indeed we have found differences in the spelling regarding Jan Peterse himself as the deed to the property dated 1706 uses Mebie and his will dated 1725 uses Mabee. It is not our intent to standardize all spellings. We only wish to use the spelling of "Mabee" as a standard reference to the farm.

The fact that one family maintained the property for nearly 300 years is an important aspect to the legacy that the farm represents. Continued research and exploration of the family history will play a significant role in the interpretation and presentation of the farm as the work of the museum continues. The appropriate spelling of the name will be used where applicable in that pursuit.

The fact that the descendants of the Mabille name are such a large and diverse group is only highlighted by the numerous spellings of the name that now exist. It is an aspect of the Americanization of the family that is a part of history. We cannot ignore it and we must be accurate in our presentation of it as we move forward in our work with the farm. In fact, we think it would make an interesting exhibit and would appreciate help in developing the idea for presentation.

We hope that all Mabille descendants will view the farm as an important part of their family history regardless of the actual spelling of the branch of the family that they have descended from. That is certainly the intent of the Schenectady County Historical Society and The Mabee Farm Committee. The continued support of the entire Mabee, Mabie, Maybee, Mebi, Mabey, Mebie, Mebille and Mabille et al. is most important to the ultimate success of this project. We look forward to the family's input and participation on all levels and in all aspects of the farm's development.

So that all members of the family can be informed about this question I have asked that a copy of this letter be published in the next Maybee Family *Communicator*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Robert W. Sager". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Robert W. Sager, President
Schenectady County Historical Society"

ANCESTRY OF HAMILTON WRIGHT MABIE



Hamilton Wright Mabie was born on Dec. 13 1845, in Coldspring, a village on the East Bank of the Hudson River opposite Cornwall. The plateau of West Point to the South, the huge bulk of Storm King across the Hudson and the broad reaches of the river towards Newburg, gave the neighborhood natural picturesqueness and historical interest. The boy came of mixed stock, Huguenot on his father's side and Scotch-English on his mother's side, a combination that throws an interesting sidelight upon the development of his character and upon the peculiarities of his temperament. The founder of the family in America was Sergeant Gaspard Mabile. ... Gaspard, who had been named for the Huguenot leader, Admiral Gaspard de Coligny, arrived in New Amsterdam from Holland, about the middle of the seventeenth century. After a generation or two the spelling of the name was made to conform to the usual pronunciation, Mabie.

In course of time members of the family left New York, as the city had then become, and settled among their compatriots of French-Protestant descent in New Rochelle. From New Rochelle Peter Mabie, Hamilton's great-grandfather, went, when a boy, with his father's family to the village of Carmel, in what is now Putnam County, New York, where he grew into manhood and where he acquired a farm of more than a hundred acres on the shores of Lake Mahopac, not more than a dozen miles or so East of Coldspring. He served in the Revolution, his regiment being active in the guerrilla warfare in Western Connecticut.

The alluring prospects which the West held out to settlers in those days finally made Peter Mabie discontented with his lot at Carmel, and with several of his sons, he made his way by slow stages to what later became northern Illinois. The second of these sons, Libbeus, finding pioneer life in the far west less to his liking than farming in the neighborhood of the home that he had left in Carmel, returned to the East. Levi Jeremiah, Hamilton Mabie's father, was the second of seven children who were born to Libbeus Mabie and his wife, Carmel being his birthplace.

Hamilton's mother was also born in Carmel. Her maiden name was Sarah Colwell, and she was the daughter, one of seven children, of Samuel Colwell, of a wealthy Tory family of New York City, and his wife Charlotte Wright Colwell. On his mother's side, Hamilton represented the fourth generation in descent from Mercer Hamilton, a younger brother of Sir William Hamilton. Both Mercer and his elder brother were educated at the University of Edinburgh. Efforts were made by the family to induce the younger of the two to enter the church, but an ecclesiastical career had no attraction for him. His eyes were already directed towards the new world where certainly adventure and perhaps opportunities awaited him. His Father's second marriage and his unhappiness under the new family conditions finally gave him the excuse which he desired to run away from home and to sail to America.

Reaching America, Mercer Hamilton fell a victim to the wiles of a pretty widow, a Mrs. Belden; and in due course of time one of their four daughters married a man named Wright, the couple making their home near Carmel. Charlotte Wright, Hamilton's maternal grandmother, who married Samuel Colwell, was one of their children. Mrs. Colwell's husband was a patriot and was estranged from his Royalist relatives in New York City. Charlotte Colwell had a brother Mercer Hamilton Wright, who made his home in his maturity in New Orleans. He was the favorite uncle of Hamilton's mother, and when her firstborn came she gave him the name of this uncle, dropping the Mercer and calling him Hamilton Wright Mabie. Her marriage to Levi Mabie had taken place in the Colwell homestead not far from the village of Carmel on January 22, 1845, the bride being in her twenty-second and the groom in his twenty-fourth year.

Levi Mabie immediately took his bride to Coldspring where he had been living for some time and where they made their home. The opportunities in Carmel were too few for a man of ambition and energy like Levi Mabie, who, as appeared later, had the latent capacity for business affairs on a large scale. His removal from Carmel to Coldspring was undoubtedly inspired by a desire to be nearer the current of traffic that flowed up and down the Hudson between New York and Buffalo by way of the river and of the recently completed Erie Canal, in order to take advantage of whatever opportunity chance or industry might bring him. He remained in Coldspring only a few years, a period during which he watched with interest the efforts that being made to complete the railway line between New York and Albany. It is a

tradition in the family that he was of an inventive turn of mind and that he supplied several valuable suggestions for the solution of problems that were puzzling the engineers in charge of the railway work. ... The railway was not opened for traffic between New York and Albany until 1851.

A year or so before this date, Levi Mabie and his family had moved from Coldspring to Buffalo, where they remained nine years, living part of this time on Washington Street and later near Johnson Park. A baby sister, Jennie, was one member of the family to make this journey; and during their sojourn in Buffalo two more children, both sons were born to Levi Mabie and his wife, Frank Marvin in 1854 and Edgar Washburn in 1858. ...

In later years Hamilton was too much interested in the problems which the present offered and the future foreshadowed to give any time to his own past. Although in a general way he was proud of his Huguenot blood and he was especially pleased when he was elected an honorary member of the Huguenot Society of America, He was on the whole indifferent to the details of his ancestry. ...

According to Hamilton's surviving sister, Mrs. Champney H. Judson of Dobbs Ferry, as soon as Hamilton reached the proper age he was sent to the public schools in Buffalo, where he developed into a studious and apt pupil. His mother was a woman of a sweet, gentle and lovable nature, whose interests were all centered in her young family. From her the boy derived similar traits, which later endeared him to a large circle of devoted friends. She was a woman, too, of decided strength of character, which she also bequeathed to her son, and believed in the old fashioned doctrine as to the proper relation between the rod and the willful child.

Young Hamilton must occasionally have wandered outside the bounds which parental discipline set for him, for it is remembered in the family that he preferred punishment, which was no doubt mild, by his mother, to a moral lecture on his delinquencies by his father. One of his escapades had a curious sequel. In company with another boy he stayed away from school one day, making freight cars and railway tracks his playground. The next morning, having no excuse to give his teacher for his previous day's absence, he found it easier to lose himself at school. This went on for a full week, the problem becoming more difficult of solution each day, until the boy was at last fairly overwhelmed by the consciousness that he had placed himself entirely outside the social order to which everyone else had conformed, and that he knew of no way in-which - he could recover his lost standing. A note of inquiry from his teacher to his parents brought matters to a crisis. The youth took his punishment with a great sense of relief, and went back to school. He never, however, forgot the lesson which that experience taught him.

Levi Mabie was a man of rigid probity and of high standards of conduct, both in his business and dealings in his private life; and he required all of the members of his family to conform to these standards. There was nothing hard, however, in his character or harsh or even severe in his

manner. On the contrary, he was always helpful and considerate, charitable in both thought and deed. His control over his family was one of sweet reasonableness; and his influence had a decided effect upon the character of his son, Hamilton. Deeply religious by nature, he attended the Dutch Reformed Church regularly, and conducted family prayers daily.

At this period from about 1850 to 1858, Buffalo was a rapidly growing city of great commercial activity through the lake and canal traffic. Levi Mabie was engaged during these years in one of the principle industries of the city, the wholesale lumber business. As the greater part of this lumber came from Canada numerous opportunities presented themselves for revenue frauds. On one occasion Mr. Mabie's partner, who had been in Canada buying lumber, returned with joyful news that he had perfected an arrangement by which the lumber he had purchased was to be got into New York State free of duty. Without any discussion or hesitation Mr. Mabie left word with his wife that he was to be called early in the morning; and, proceeding to the point on the border where the lumber was to arrive, he paid the customs official what was due on the consignment which his partner had bought. It is not difficult to understand why a sensitive young boy .. should have suffered more from a lecture on personal conduct by this type of man than from a gentle chastisement from his mother.

A man of such uncompromising integrity as Levi Mabie may have had some difficulty in holding his own against less scrupulous business rivals. It is certain, however, that he was handicapped by his inability to withstand the rugged winter climate of the lake city, which compelled him to go inland to Binghamton once or twice to recover his health. Whatever the reason, or combination of reasons, may have been, he left Buffalo in 1858, after a residence there of nearly nine years, and moved his family to Brooklyn. There they made their home on Putnam Avenue near Bedford Avenue, where they lived until they moved to Tarrytown.

During this period Levi Mabie was engaged in the wholesale boot and shoe business at No. 75 Warren St., and later on Grand Street, New York. Here again he was unfortunate in one of his partners, who in the early '60's became dissipated and erratic and who saddled the firm with a large quantity of goods that could not be sold at a profit. The temptation to go into voluntary bankruptcy, and thus to escape the necessity of paying the firm's debts, would- have caused.- most- men_ at least, to hesitate before deciding what policy to adopt. But, Levi Mabie was made of sterner stuff. "We will wind up the business, pay what we can and the balance as we can." was his decision; and this course was followed. The worry and anxiety, however, incidental to those transactions, undermined his far from robust health; and his doctor's decree finally was that he must move into the country and finally take things easy. It was for this reason that in 1864 the family went to Tarrytown to live.

Meanwhile it had been decided that the eldest son, Hamilton, should be prepared for college. In Buffalo he had attended the public schools, but some other arrangement was thought to be necessary in Brooklyn, and his father's circumstances made the new arrangement possible. A neighbor of the Mabies named Brevoort had a son Harry whom he desired to fit for college, invited Hamilton and another boy, Charles S. West, son of the Rev. Jacob West, to study together under an especially competent tutor, and the invitation was accepted. All three boys lived near each other, on or near Putnam Avenue, and were of about the same age.

Williams College had been selected for Hamilton, Mr. Mabie preferring to have his son go to one of the smaller New England colleges, with country surroundings. The boy applied himself to his studies with such diligence and such zeal that by the summer of 1862, when he was 16 years old, he was ready to take the examinations. He was though however, to be too young to be sent to college and he was held back for a year. He occupied part of his time in the interval in reading law in the office of a Brooklyn attorney, showing that even before he entered William his mind, or that of his father, pointed to law as a possible profession for him. It is probably safe to assume that in this leisurely year, young Mabie read more fiction and poetry than he did law. For in an evidently authoritative article about him in *The Bookman* for December, 1895, James MacArthur wrote: "When asked if he had any profession in view when he went to William Mr. Mabie replied: "No, and I had no definite professional aim in my education. I have been a great reader all my life; if there is anything that I might venture to claim for myself, it is that I belong to the class Lowell called the great readers. I have been reading as long as I can remember. As a boy I was very fond of Sir Walter Scott's novels; indeed my memory begins with Sir Walter Scott. The first poet I remember reading was Longfellow."

Through his contributions for nearly forty years to *The Christian Union* and *The Outlook*, through his books, and through his addresses ... on literary subjects, he was always a torchbearer on the difficult path leading to high ideals, attainable only through intellectual enrichment and spiritual enlightenment. His followers, who gained courage and inspiration from his words, were numbered by the thousands, and their debt to him was great. As a public spirited citizen, too, his activities outside his professional work were of high value to various communities. So it may truly be said of him that he left his mark upon time."

by Edwin W. Morse

DUTCH BARNS OF NEW YORK

Purple Mountain Press, Ltd. who specializes in hard to find books of New York State carries several books covering New York State's Catskill Mountains, the Hudson Valley, the Finger Lakes and Westchester County. One that they thought we also might find of interest is *Dutch Barns of New York*.

THE MABEE CENTER AT THE ORAL ROBERTS COMPLEX IN TULSA

John and Shirley Wehing, # 138, recently visited John's nephew who is living in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They wrote, "In touring about we visited the Oral Roberts complex. Much to our surprise was a large sign that said, "Mabee Center." We went inside and found two large pictures and the following:

John Mabee	b. 18 June 1879, Cedar Co., MO. d. 24 Jan 1961 m. 6 Apr. 1900, Lamar, MO.
Lottie Mabee	b. 17 Sept. 1879 Jasper Co., MO. d. 21 Oct. 1965

They moved to Oklahoma in 1907. There were no children. John had little formal education. His success came from hard labor and faith and a belief that such labor would bear its rewards.

In 1948, the J. E. and L. E. Mabee foundation was established with its office at Tulsa. The benevolences of this foundation are evidenced about Southwestern United States. Many edifices bear their name, one of which is the Mabee Center. ..." There is a story of J.E. and L.E. Mabee in V8:7,8,9 and V20:7

ARE THE VAN COUWENHOVENS AND THE MABIES RELATED?

Our President John A. Maybee reports to us that "There are letters in the Jan Mebie family files at Schenectady County Historical Society that include correspondence from two Van Couwenhovens from N.Y.C. One is addressed to Jan as Honorable brother dated Oct. 5, 1718, from Trientie Kouenhoven. Another dated January 25, 1723, is to dearly loved brother from Frans Counoven. This one is addressed to Jan Mabie in Schoneghtonde. Two other letters dated 1706 and 1707 are more difficult to read. Trientje Van Cowenhove was a witness in N.Y. (Dutch Reformed Church) in 1714 and in 1717; in 1717 the witnesses were Pieter and Trintie Van Cowenhove for John Couwenhove and Rachel Benson (parents). Valentine's History, p. 362, has a Francis Couwenhoven in N.Y. in 1703."

ALLAN MAYBEE AMBASSADOR

Tyrone Tillson was kind enough to send us a travel brochure "A Journey to the Wind River Country on Highway 26". Now, as well written and descriptive as the guide was, we were particularly pleased to have it because it was signed Allan Maybee, Ambassador, Wind River Country, Wind River Visitor's Council. Allan, of course, is our member #48.

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MAYBEE STARS
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Jym Mabey, #104 wrote us about a movie called Parallels with Judith Mabey that was shown over Christmas, Byron Mabe was in a film called the Doberman Gang (a 1972 film) and Keith Mabee, # 113 told us about a Swartzneger - type movie with Henry M'Habille listed as a star. Patricia Maybee was introduced as a guest artist with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra. We are always interested in any one named Maybee or Van Orden (no matter how they spell their name). Does anyone know more about these talented members of the family?

**MRS. MARY McLEOD MAYBEE ELOCUTIONIST
AND LECTURER**

Maybee family members shine forth in many areas and we often hear of stars in the family. Jean Siebarth sent us some clippings from a tour of Mrs. Mary McLeod Maybee, Elocutionist and Lecturer. She is the great-grandmother of Roderick McLeod Maybee, # 18. Jean included a program listing some of Mrs. Maybee's topics. Also included were several highly complimentary reviews from various publications (we are including just a few):

"Sunday Evening Mrs. Maybee of Michigan occupied the pulpit of the Windsor Ave. Methodist Church and delivered an address on Women and Missions. Her large audience was more than pleased, and frequent applause greeted her effort. During the evening she gave a recitation entitled *The Heathen Mother's Prayer*, in which she showed her elocutionary powers to good effect. Just before closing her address she sang a beautiful little heart touching melody entitled, *Papa What Would You Take for Me?* which brought to a finish a very delightful and beneficial address. ..." Windsor Record

"Mrs. (Rev.) Maybee is an elocutionist of no little merit, and her recitations of last evening showed her elocutionary power to good advantage." - Kalamazoo Telegraph

"Mrs. Maybee's lecture Sunday evening at the M.E. Church entitled *Mothers of Great Men*, was listened to by a large and attentive congregation. The subject was treated in an entertaining manner, and when the speaker related the story of Rough and Pard, when Rough lay dying in a lonely cabin with Pard by his side, tears glistened in many an eye as the simple pathetic tale, with its devotion to the memory of a sainted Mother was unfolded. Her entertainment on Monday evening was a rare treat. Mrs. Maybee is especially at home in the reproduction of dialects, and the rendition of the colloquy between the clergyman and the parishioner and also the story of Bidly Odonohoe's Valentine and the Tay Party were especially good and brought down the house" - - Alcona County Review.

GWEN EPPERSON CONVINCED ME

I have frequently heard Dutch Researchers say that it was easier to research Dutch records here than in Holland, but it wasn't until I was privileged to read *New Netherland Roots* by Gwen Epperson did I realize how many wonderful sources we have for Dutch records right here in the United States of America. Even more exciting is that a great number of the many sources she cites are available to all of us who are near a Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Although the book is only 6x9 inches and has just 147 pages, each page is packed with sources. Even more exciting to me is that, when applicable, she includes the microfilm number of each source and often the page or item number. It may be small, but if it were weighed by value, I would be unable to lift it. My only disappointment was that it had no index, but it's table of contents is very good. It is published by:

Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.
1001 N. Calvert St.
Baltimore, MD 21202

You also may purchase it, for \$20, from:
The Dutch Family Heritage Society #.013
2463 Ledgewood Drive
West Jordan, Utah 84084

IS THIS A MAYBEE?



BRADTS AND MABEES

Kenneth H. Bradt, Editor of the Bradt Family News writes, "I also learned of another connection between the Bradts and the Maybees, albeit a sad one. The account of the Beukendael massacre notes that the bodies of the slain were taken to Abram Mabee's barn, where they awaited claiming by their families. One of the bodies was that of John A. Bradt."

THE MABEE FAMILY FARM COMMITTEE MOVES FORWARD

The Mabee Farm Committee remains hard at work. One of the plans is to start a Friends of Mabee Farm group to support their program. Any person already a member of the Society (Schenectady County Historical Society) would be able to join at a reduced rate. We hope that a state grant will be forthcoming to help make some needed repairs at the farm. Plans are afoot to start a fund to allow us to erect a Dutch barn on the Mabee Farm premises in line with the long range plans of the committee." ... Bob Sager, President of the Schenectady County Historical Society.

SOLVING THE PROBLEM

Judith Maby is a thorough researcher and it is always exciting to watch her carefully work through a problem. At present she is striving to learn more about Margaret A. Mabee, daughter of John Peterson Mabee and Hannah Grimshaw. She writes, "A friend of mine in Brigham City Utah, who visits the Family History Center Library often, found her family in the 1925 census of Richmond Hill, New York. By this time, they had moved, parents had died and the head of the household was Edgar Tuttle, husband of her sister Jessie. To our great pleasure, Margaret is listed as Margaret Lambert, female, age 63, sister-in-law (to Edgar Tuttle). Now that we had her married surname, I wrote to the NYC Archives and had them search 1925-1935 for her death certificate. This produced no results, but my friend found in the Family History Library a list of deaths reported in the city of New York for 1939 which shows her death as occurring on September 1, 1939, age 77, certificate X6071. From this it was easy enough to write and obtain a copy of her death certificate which showed her birthdate as November 31, 1861, status as "widow" and her husband was John Lambert, "The feed and grain dealer," she married fairly late in life as his second wife, after much soul-searching. She proved to be buried in Evergreens Cemetery, Brooklyn, and after writing to them I know the number of the lot. However she is the only Lambert in the lot. John and family must be buried elsewhere. I estimate that Mr. Lambert must have died between 1920 and 1925 - I'd like to know where they lived, etc., when they were married, etc. ... I'm not sure whether they lived in Brooklyn or Queens."

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VALUABLE PAPERS

Among the papers that the Schenectady County Historical Society may offer, as a fund raiser, are photocopies of the will of Jan Pieterse Mabee, written April 3, 1725. Also of interest to several members of the family is a receipt signed by Cornelius and Eva (Aeghje) (Mabee) Slingerland.

GRANDMOTHER

Grandmother, on a winter's day,
Milked the cows and fed them hay,
Slopped the hogs, saddled the mule,
Then got the children off to school,
Did a washing, mopped the floor,
Washed the windows, and did some chores;
Cooked a dish of home-dried fruit,
Pressed her husband's Sunday Suit.

Swept the parlor, made the bed,
Baked a dozen loaves of bread,
Split some firewood, and then lugged in
Enough to fill the kitchen bin;
Cleaned the lamps and put in oil,
Stewed some apples she thought would spoil,
Churned the butter, baked a cake,
Then exclaimed, "For heaven's sake,
The calves have got out of the pen!" .
.. Went and chased them in again.

Gathered the eggs and locked the stable,
Back to the house and set the table,
Cooked a supper that was delicious,
And afterwards washed all the dishes,
Fed the cat and sprinkled the clothes,
Mended a basket full of hose;
Then opened the organ and began to play,
"When You Come to the End of a Perfect Day."

Marjorie M. Eisner



EARLY PHOTOGRAPHS

De Brenner, #101, sent us an article from the *McCalls Magazine*, December 1994. "A century ago photographic equipment was much less sensitive to light. It took several minutes for an image to set on the photographic plates that were used before film was invented. During that whole time the subject had to stay very still so the picture would not blur. Since smiling for so long is uncomfortable, photographers advised subject to simply wear a relaxed not - happy expression."

DID YOU NOTICE?

We had the Sour Dough Jack Mabee's death date as 1955. He died April 17, 1995. Sorry about that.

MAYBEES IN CYBER SPACE

Several of our members are now communicating through E-Mail. If that is the way you would like to communicate, send us your screen name and your on-line carrier.

NEW ADDRESSES

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WELCOME

BRIAN AND KIMBERLY MABIE #174
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Brian Thomas Mabie is the son our member Tom Mabie, #63.

Brian and his wife, Kimberly Kempfert Mabie have three children. He writes, "I am a registered Pharmacist- here in Michigan. My position is one of Store Director for Meijer Inc. Meijer operates 99 Hypermarkets here in the MidWest. I have 750 associates working for me as well as 45 managers.

My wife stays home with our three daughters. She hopes to resume her education when our 2 1/2 year old starts school."

CARLETON MABEE #175
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We introduced you to Carleton Mabee (Fred Carleton Mabee, Jr.) in our last newsletter and told you of his outstanding literary accomplishments, made more exciting by the fact that he developed his works from his background as a teacher and a historian. Carleton, was born in Shanghai, China, the son of Fred Carleton and Miriam Anna (Bentley) Mabee. His father was a chemist and teacher at Shanghai College (an American Baptist College). Carleton married Norma Dierking.

Carleton descends from Frederick Mabee and Levinah Pelham Mabee through their son Oliver, often referred to as Deacon Oliver Mabee.

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Descendants of David Maybee and Charity Freimeyer will be delighted to learn that another family member has been found. Liz descends from them through their son, Joseph Mabie and his wife, Sarah House. Liz has been searching for 25 years, checking census records, court records, visiting cemeteries, and libraries. She was able to obtain a family Bible and will share with us the information that she has gathered. We are certain that our association will be mutually beneficial.

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