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The President's Corner

Sharing the Wealth

We started the Maybee Society in 1987 for the purpose of sharing our knowledge of the Mabie/Mabee/Maybee/Mabey/etc. family. We need your input if we are to stay up to date. When you update your genealogy on the Maybee line, *please* send a copy to us. This way we have it to help others who are researching your line, and so more information comes back to you!

For our members and their ancestors' privacy, the Maybee Society does not publish data about people who may be currently living. At the submitter's request we will also mark information in our database on any data that you wish not be given to others. We can have them contact you to share information,

All our original 30 some members sent their information into Belva (Maybee) Perry, and she put the data on cards for sorting and comparing. Soon she had a computer and was running one of the earliest genealogy programs, Personal Ancestry File© (PAF). As she saw contradictory information, she would contact the members involved, and try to straighten out the

information. If no resolution were possible, she would put both accounts in our database.

PAF had no good way to show where each piece of information was from (the source), and so much of the early information was just taken on faith. As more and more members sent in information with verifiable sources (e.g. - church records wills, etc), the Maybee Society was able solve some lineage problems, to debunk old ideas, and to discover where our family came from.

Lately, our members and other researchers, have been using the Internet to find information, **however,** you must verify this information through checking the source citations. Much erroneous information keeps coming back to us, even though source documents have shown the error.

Presently, Barbara Millar (not a member) is going through original records in Canada and sharing the information with us. Steve Mabie #257 is going through microfilms of will, land records, etc., for the Society, and I am transcribing the 1900 through 1930 censuses for Maybees and other kin. Steve Mabie has already done the 1790 to 1880 censuses.

When possible we take this raw data and associate it with people in our database. Otherwise it is stored until we can use it to put together another family. This is how our knowledge base grows.

Please don't forget to send your genealogy to us. John Maybee

MAYBEE SOCIETY REUNION 2005

All of you have undoubtedly received the reunion information from Kim Mabee. The possible activities are:

Saturday, July 16th – Tour of the Stockade during the day.

Wine and cheese party or pizza party, Saturday evening.

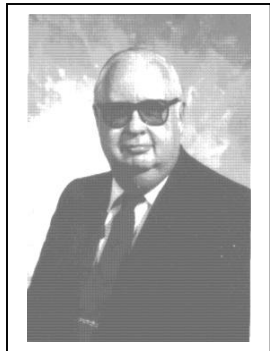
Sunday, July 17th – breakfast at the Farm.

Reunion with a catered barbecue lunch. There will be demonstrations by blacksmiths, broom makers, spinners, weavers, tours of the house, etc. In the evening, possibly a pizza party.

There is a \$20 charge for the dinner and to cover all other expenses. Send your check or money order before July 8th to:

Kim Mabee
15 Van Buren Lane
Scotia NY 12302

Questions? Email Kim at g.maybee@att.net
Or call (518) 370-4954.



George E. Franchere

Several members wrote to let us know of the death of George Franchere, Member # 117. John A. (Jack) Maybee, Kim Mabee and Barb Kineke sent us information. Kim wrote to say, “just wanted to make sure you had heard the news -in case Jack has not contacted you - he

called me yesterday from Florida to tell us they saw in the paper in Dunedin that

George Franchere had died on Thanksgiving day - got one of our members who dealt with him from the beginning of the farm and stays in regular contact with him to call to find out what happened - so John tells me he had talked to George the day before and that he had told him he was making arrangements to move from his home to an assisted living facility. He was on his way to have dinner with friends and had a heart attack. When he did not arrive, they went looking for him and found his Caddy up against a tree - luckily did no harm to anyone else. He was pronounced dead at the hospital - the bank is the executor so John talked to them and believe he is being cremated and ashes sent here to Schenectady- Vale cemetery -to be interred - with the rest of his family ‘

John A (Jack). Maybee, Member #58, Immediate Past President of the Maybee Society sent this obituary from the CLW Times, dated December 2, 2004

Dunedin:

Franchere, George E., 73, of Dunedin, died Thursday (November 25, 2004) at Mease Dunedin Hospital. He was born in Troy, New York and came here in 1980 from St. Clair Shores, Michigan. He was retired as an administrator for the I.R.S. He was Dutch Reform, a member and president of Dunedin High Twelve Club and district director of the High Twelve Club. He was a member of the Lake Shore Lodge 298, F&AM, and Benton Harbor, Michigan. There are no known survivors. Curlew Hills Funeral Home, Palm Harbor.”

From N.L. # 16, December 1992: “George Franchere was instrumental in providing direct and personal access to his father's material, which consisted of about 25 years of research and correspondence contained in the equivalent of 15 boxes of written records.”

George Franchere said, “ As soon as I acquired the Mabee House from the estates of my mother

and aunt in 1972, Doug and Marion Jesmain took over the management of the Mabee house for me. (Living in Michigan and Florida I could not manage the house myself.) They selected caretakers, did odd jobs to maintain the buildings, and did a major cleaning of storage areas. Earlier this century a (steam powered) railroad yard had been across the road from the house. Coal soot was everywhere. (This is why the area is known as Rotterdam Junction; it is where the Boston & Maine met the West Shore Division of the New York Central).

When I gave the Mabee house to the Schenectady County Historical Society, Marion and Doug were failing in their health. They did not like the idea of the House leaving the family, but there were no offspring interested in the House. “

The transference of the property was detailed in this April 1993, press release

From Schenectady County Historical Society.

“The Jan Mabee property in Rotterdam Junction will be officially transferred to the Schenectady County Historical Society during a brief ceremony at the Society Headquarters at 32 Washington Avenue. Mr. George Franchere, currently a Florida resident and owner of the property, has expressed his intention to transfer the deed to the property at this time.

Mr. John van Schaik, President of the Historical Society, said that the date was chosen for the transference to the modern deed so as to coincide with the date that the property originally transferred into the Mabee Family - January 29, 1705/6. At that time the deed passed by Daniel van Antwerpen to Jan Mabee. A reference in that deed to a 1680 grant to Antwerpen suggests an earlier probable date for the oldest of the buildings. Mr. Franchere, who in addition to donating the property, also transferred to the Society title to the furnishings at the Jan Mabee property and a check for \$17,500 to maintain the property during the next three years. A committee has been established, headed up by Derek Sayers and Cristina Harter as Co-Chairs, to plan for the development of the

property. It is Society's intention to develop the property as a public historic site.

Mr. Franchere is a descendant of Jan Mabee and the property has been in his family since the transference in 1705/6. During the public presentation of the modern deed transfer, artifacts from the house, including a painted sign believed to be from the late 18th century "Jacob Mabee's Inn," a gold pocket watch from the early 1800's, the original deed giving title to Jan Mabee (1705/6) and several other items. In addition, pictures of the property will be on display. The property includes a house, an out building originally used as slave headquarters (thought to be built in 1680), the Inn, a pump house, and the family cemetery all on 9.33 acres of land along the New York State Route 5S in Rotterdam Junction.”

In 1996, George was elected to the Board of Directors of the Florida Historical Society. Earlier that year he took a trip to Iceland and reported, "It is one of the most livable places I have ever visited. So clean, so modern. About 120,000 people in Reykjavik, 270,000 in all Iceland. A must for everyone who has run out of new destinations." He also spent five days riding trains while at the annual meeting of the National Railway Historical Society.

PATRICIA MABIE MAGETTE

Evelyn M. Danilevics, Member #94, wrote, “I am sorry to inform you of the death of my sister, Patricia Mabie Magette (Member # 91) on January 18, 2005. She was the daughter of Charles Vorhees Mabie and Beulah Wheeler Mabie, born in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Patricia was involved in the community before her illness and was Regional Director of the American Red Cross, among other things. She leaves her husband of 55 years, R. W. Magette of Ahoskie, North Carolina and 3 children: Cheryl Campbell of Raleigh, North Carolina, Bill Magette of Ahoskie and Kurt Magette of Richmond, Virginia. I am the last of 5 Mabie siblings, Charles E., George E., George V. and Edmund Wheeler Mabie and of course Patricia.”

LINDA R. MABIE

John A. Maybee, Member #58, sent this obituary for Linda Mabie, which was in the *Daily Star*, Oneonta, New York.

SOUTH VALLEY

“Linda R. Mabie, 56, passed away suddenly Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at Bassett Healthcare, Cooperstown. She was born Sept. 27, 1948, in Cooperstown, the daughter of Herbert J. and Mildred A. Mabie. A lifelong area resident, she worked as a nurse’s aide at Bassett Healthcare. She was a member of the First Christian Church of South Valley. Survivors include her father, Herbert J. Mabie; a sister, Margaret Mabie; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Marsha Mabie and Art and Carol Mabie; lots of nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her mother, Mildred Mabie. Funeral services will be at noon Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004, at the Ottman Funeral Home, Cherry Valley, with the Rev. Terence Brant officiating. Burial will follow in the South Valley Cemetery, South Valley. Calling hours will be from 10 a.m. to noon, preceding the funeral. Contributions in Linda’s memory may be made to the Cherry Valley Emergency Squad or the First Christian Church of South Valley. Arrangements were entrusted to the Ottman Funeral Home, Cherry Valley.”

CORRECTION:

Peter Johnson, U.E., Member #11, writes, “one minor correction. On page 7 of the last issue there is an article about “Captain Abraham Maybee’s Descendants Gather”. Actually, it is about Frederick and Lavina MABEE’s line. Assuming “Captain Abraham” refers to the Loyalist, he would be some manner of cousin to Frederick, not an ancestor. Frederick’s line tended to follow the MABEE spelling, and Abraham’s the MAYBEE spelling.

Peter also tells us, “We had a local Maybee death this year. *Harold Maybee* 1914-2004 passed away last spring and was buried at Stockdale Cemetery north of Trenton Ontario. It is the site of many Maybee burials – and the

occasional Mabee too! Harold was a descendant of Capt. Abraham Maybee U.E.”

ENGLISH MAYBEES

Lynn Watson, Member #305, writes, “Attached is an article I have written for the Communicator on the English Maybees in the hope that it might spawn some interest.”

THE MAYBEES OF PORTSEA AND CHICHESTER ENGLAND.

The Maybee Society’s American members are to be congratulated on their enthusiasm for searching and reporting on their ancestors. In the hope that I may stimulate some interest and response, I would like to tell you about eight generations of Maybees born in the south of England and emigrating to Toronto Canada. The story begins with my great grandmother, Emily Windscheffel Maybee Woodcock, who gave our branch of the family the gift of a diary written in 1891.

In her diary, Emily describes her first meeting with James Maybee, whom she was to marry. Emily and her friend, Avice Bowbeer, attended the Congregationalist church in Chichester England, having just moved there from London to work in a milliner’s shop. In 1858 she wrote in her diary, “we took sittings which were next to the front square pew and, of course, the family who occupied it naturally attracted our attention and we soon learned to know something of them. They seemed to be a large family and on holidays the number was considerably increased. I will try to name them as they took their places in the pew. They all wore mourning garb for the son of the elderly lady who wore a crepe bonnet and veil, and whose name was Edward Maybee. He had died in November 1857 from inflammation of the bowels caused by wrongly treated diarrhoea. Mrs. Maybee took the corner farthest from the pew door, then Mrs. Small, next her daughter Caroline, Maria Cheesman, Louisa Cheesman, these with the fair, tall Kate Maybee, were the regular attendants. At other times, Mr. Maybee, sons Harry and James Maybee and Joseph

Watson, their friend and engaged to Carry Small, and Martha (Pattie) Maybee made the pew quite full.”

It was indeed a large family, living together at 15 North Pallant Street, in the southeast quadrant of old Chichester. In the 1851 census, thirteen people are recorded as living in this row house, including all of the occupants of the church pew listed in the diary. Missing, besides Edward who is mentioned, was his sister, Elizabeth, who would have been 20 in 1858 and may have deceased or may have been married or moved away to assist with another family. Caroline Small was a widowed sister in law who lived with the Maybees, along with her daughter Caroline. Maria Cheesman with her daughters, Louisa and Maria, were nieces. It was quite a household. However, by 1861 there was only one Maybee still living in Chichester and that was James who lived over a shop on East Street. He was by then 19 years old and was working as a linen draper's assistant. His father, Harry, died in December 1861. Caroline Small and the three Cheesman women were the only occupants at 15 Pallant Street in 1861.

Harry Maybee, was born in 1801 in Portsea, the son of Harry Maybee and Margaret Speck. Father Harry, the son of John Maybee and Jane Holloway, was baptized at St. Marys. Portsea in September 1776. Harry's grandparents (John's parents) were Harry Maybee and Hannah Martin. They were married on March 8, 1742 in Portsea. However, the author has no record of the date or place of their birth. Robert Hayes, Member # 136, has written in the Maybee Society newsletter in the past requesting further information on our common ancestor. Robert conjectures that Harry may have come from Holland because he mentions in his will leaving “all my common delft”. The further question is whether or not Harry and Hannah were both of Huguenot ancestry. There are no clues, except the surnames may be said to have been French - Mabile and Martin.

Harry of Chichester worked as a Grocer. Martha, nee Charrett, is listed in the census as being a dressmaker. It is known that she was a twin and that she and her sister, Lucy, were

received into the congregation of St. Peter the Less, Chichester, on April 21, 1800. There is no record of a baptism, although one may have been performed at home at birth. Neither of the wee girls was expected to live. However, Martha enjoyed a good life, had six children of her own. She died at the ripe old age of 71. Her husband predeceased her by 10 years. I have no knowledge of what became of her twin sister.

James and Emily (our diarist) were married on June 13, 1865 in the Congregational Church, Linden Grove, Peckham Rye. They had two children, James, born on March 11, 1866 in London and Kate, born in April, 1867 in Tottenham. In 1873, they emigrated to Canada with the children and took up residence in Toronto where James worked as a master draper. He did not live long, however, dying at the young age of 39. Emily remarried and lived a long and happy life, running a millinery shop in Ottawa for a period. She died in Sarnia, Ontario in 1920 at the age of 80.

Emily's daughter, Kate, married William Quaiife Phillips who became a great friend of her brother James, my grandfather. They were both yachtsmen and had many adventures sailing on Lake Ontario. The passion for yachting was passed down to Kate's grandson, Robert Quaiife Phillips, who was a passionate yachtsman all of his life. Could it be the influence of so many years by the sea in Portsea? It may be in the genes for many in our family continue to enjoy sailing.

James married Annie Augusta Short (August 31, 1897), who had emigrated from Devon through Bristol only a year after the Maybees with her widowed mother and eight siblings. “Gus” retained a love of Devon and Cornwall all her life and returned more than once to her family home in Barnstaple. James made a name for himself internationally as a patent and trade market agent. Besides sailing, he loved to sing, was an amateur astronomer of some renown and enjoyed camping with his family. They had three children, Lynette, Gareth and William (Billy). Gareth had three girls, Jane, Nancy and Lynn (the author). There

were no male Maybee children born to "Garry" or "Billy". However, Garry's three daughters presented him with 10 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren, so this branch of the Harry Maybee/Hannah Martin union continues to expand.

Garry died at the age of 93 in 1996 and Billy lived to be 95. Their wives, Phyllis (99 years old) and Vera Maybee continue to reside in the Toronto area. Like great grandmother Emily, my grandfather, James and my father, Garry, were both writers so there are many letters and publications to their credit. Their records and the invaluable assistance of Colin Mabey, Member # 230, who is my mentor and friend, have enabled me to piece together my own family history. I hope that others descended from the English Maybees will be encouraged to share their stories and that we may together learn more about our common ancestors."

DO YOU HAVE DENVER ANCESTORS?

Cheryl Anderson, Member # 112 says, "I have found 6 Mabees and 1 Maybee in the Fairmount cemetery. I haven't inquired about other spellings. The Maybee is Edna B. Maybee buried in 1908. There is no headstone and no next of kin listed on the card. I have 2 of the Mabees identified (Steve's ancestors), but there are still 4 that they won't tell me about unless I have some date, or first name, for privacy reasons. (?!?) I haven't encountered that before, but I didn't want to argue with her...If anyone thinks they have an ancestor that resided in Denver, Colorado or even somewhere "out west", please have them contact me so I can get (and photograph) those plot locations. As with Edna, they may not have headstones. This is the oldest cemetery in Denver; I believe... it's definitely a beautiful one.

Also, a Mary C. Mabie (b: 1933 D: 1993) is interred in the Fort Logan Nat'l Cemetery. Cheryl Anderson"

ALLEN MAYBEE PLANNING ANOTHER TRIP.

From *The Ranger*, Fremont County's Daily Newspaper, Friday, December 3, 2004.

Maybee planning next adventure trip.

"The bicycle voyage will start at the geographic center of the United States, in Kansas, and travel each day according to the direction of the wind.

Adventurer Allen Maybee is planning another creative trek, this one taking him whatever direction the wind blows.

Maybee, who has planned and led six previous historic western experiences, plans to start his 2005 trek at the geographic center of the United States, in Kansas.

After following historic routes by horseback bicycle, canoe and jet ski, Maybee plans to begin his 10-week trek from Kansas, without a preplanned itinerary or target destination. Riding a mountain trail bike and towing a single-wheel trailer, Maybee plans to go with the wind at his back, seeing where the zephyrs guide him.

His research shows that the prevailing winds in Kansas are from the southwest, which would start him pedaling to the northeast.

Such a path could move him across Kansas, perhaps into Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota or Iowa, depending upon the wind direction.

Maybee said he would defer to tornadoes and take shelter in lightning storms, otherwise going with the wind. In previous junkets, Maybee has taken pride in getting to the distant destination at the hour and day planned in advance.

He made an 89-day trip in 1975 following the Oregon Trail on horseback.

Three years later he made another horseback trip along the Santa Fe Trail. The 1978 journey was under the auspices of National Geographic.

Two years later he traversed the Santa Fe Trail for a second time, this trip on a bicycle.

In 1985, Maybee spent 30 days making a horseback riding trip from Fort Laramie to Fort Bridger.

His retracing of the Ashley fur traders extended over a two-year period, 1988 – 89. He covered the thousands of miles by both horseback and by canoe, the latter launched from the 1838 fur trader's rendezvous site near Riverton, going clear to St. Louis by waterway in a canoe named Centennial Messenger.

His last trip, named "From Sea to Shining Sea" was a jet ski trip up the Mississippi, Missouri and Columbia rivers to Astoria, Oregon, retracing the waterways used by the Lewis and Clark Expedition. His party arrived 30 minutes earlier than scheduled in Astoria after many days on the water. Maybee told his traveling partners they could make their scheduled arrival time in St. Louis in 1989 only if they were graced by a north wind.

Maybee says his departure time depends somewhat on the classic annual Rocky Mountain Car and Bike Show he's chaired for the past dozen years.

He may wait until after the Rendezvous car show, but if another chairman steps forward, he could start his bike trip as early as June 1. Maybee teaches at Riverton High School."

RETIRING FROM MAYBEE SOCIETY

Ted Briggs, Member #196, wrote to say that he and his wife are going to retire from the Maybee Society. However, he says that if anyone wants any information from him regarding Harriet Mabie/Maybee, who was born about 1844, the second eldest daughter of Jeremiah Mabie and Lois Evans, please contact him. He says that Harriet Maybee eventually became the wife OR common law wife of William Flanagan from King township, York County, Ontario about 1868 or 1869. Their first child was born in 1870. He has all the family tree particulars from 1870 on, but has never located a proper marriage listing for Harriet Maybee and William Flanagan. Jeremiah Mabie and Lois Evans with their children were early settlers in the Van Vleck Settlement near Palo,

Iona County in Michigan, according to Cindy Bryant.

Ted Briggs

11 – 7th Avenue, Mallory Beach Road RR5

Warton, Ontario Canada NOH 2T0.

Phone; (519) 534-4057.

Charles L. 'Chuck' Mabee

A funeral for Charles L. 'Chuck' Mabee, 72, of RR7 Tillsonburg, has been arranged for Wednesday, February 18, at Verhoeve Funeral Homes, Tillsonburg at 2 p.m.

He died at home on February 14, 2004.

Mr. Mabee and wife Kathy owned and operated Mabee Feed Store and Garden Centre in Tillsonburg.

He also drove truck for a car carrying company.

Mr. Mabee was born December 6, 1931 to the late Basil D. and Madolene (Beesley) Mabee.

His parents and family owned and operated the Mabee Hardware Store for several years.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, C. Katherine 'Kathy' (Richardson) Mabee; a son, Paul Mabee and wife Diana of Brownsville; a daughter, Heather Mabee of Brampton; grandchildren David, Melissa and Christopher Mabee.

He is also survived by a brother Thomas Mabee and wife Margaret of Tillsonburg, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by a son David Mabee in 1974.

The Rev. Gary Shuttleworth of St. Paul's United Church, Tillsonburg will conduct the service with cremation to follow.

DUES:

Many thanks to all of you who have already paid your 2005 dues. Please check the date on your envelope or email. Sorry to have to bring this up, but it takes money for postage, paper, etc.

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The Maybee Society keeps its files in the Master Genealogist.

We can use copies of files or backups from the following programs. The programs listed with a file format () need only that file, the others may need the contents of a folder.

- The Master Genealogist backup (.sqz)
- Ancestral Quest 1.x, 2.x, & backup
- Brother's Keeper I, v 5.x
- Everyone's Family Tree
- Family Origins & backup (.fow or .zip)
- Family Roots
- Family Gathering & backup (.pro or .sqz)
- Family Tree Maker & backup (.ftw or .fbk)
- MyFamily v 2.x
- PAF v2.x & backup
- PAF v 3.x, v4.x (.paf or .bak/.zip)
- Roots III
- Roots IV or V & backup (.pro or .sqz)
- Ultimate Family Tree & backup (.pro or .sqz)
- Visual Roots Import, & backup (.pro or .sqz)
- *GEDCOM (.ged)

*GEDCOM is a weak standard. While names, standard events, and relationships survive a transfer, the same cannot be said for notes, sources, citations, other events, name variations, and other types of data. If you have any of the above programs, it is requested that you use them. Files may also be sent in word processor format (with sources if available) or by mailing copies of other material.

Email your files as attachments to maysoc@comcast.net or mail printed material, discs or CDs to:

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