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## HARRIET ROGERS MC NAMARA

We were sad to hear that Harriet McNamara, Member #57, who had just recently moved to Scotts Valley, had passed away.

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### ***"Harriet Rogers McNamara***

long time resident of San Mateo passed away Thursday, February 15, 2007 at age 85 after a short illness. She was the loving and

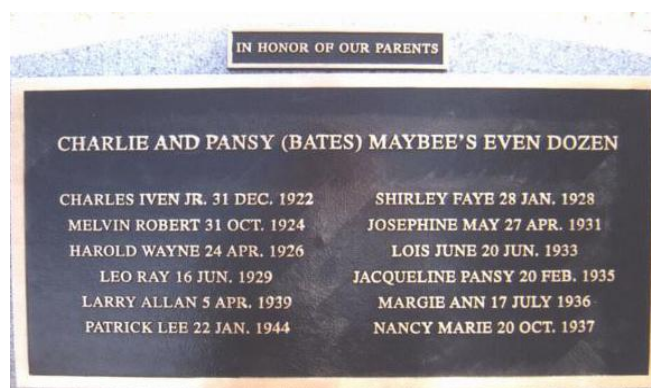
very devoted mother of Patricia and Tom McNamara and the late Roger McNamara. Harriet was born

Nov. 1, 1921 in Potoskey, Michigan to Archie and Beulah Maybee. She was raised in Seattle, Washington, along with her brother

William "Bill" Maybee. Harriet was a graduate of Queen Ann High School and University of Washington. Married to the late Charles "Charlie" McNamara in 1943. Harriet was very active with Seattle charities and an avid outdoor sports woman. The family moved to San Mateo in 1961 where she continued her charitable activities, outdoor sports and world travel. With

her compassion and strength for family, sense of humor and adventurous spirit she developed many close and cherished friendships throughout the Bay Area. Survived by daughter, Patricia of San Mateo; son, Tom of Hong Kong; sister-in-law, Mary Lou; and nieces and nephew, Carolyn Burningham (Ed) of Seattle, Sandra Wade of N. Dakota, Gregory Payne of Redwood City and Janet Wilson of Maryland. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Gregory Catholic Church, 2715 Hacienda Street, in San Mateo on Friday, February 23, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. Reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be sent to Muscular Dystrophy Association, in the name of Roger McNamara and Harriet McNamara, P.O. Box 1839, San Mateo, CA 94401-1839."

## MAYBEE'S EVEN DOZEN:



Last year *Mel Bob Maybee*, Member #50, told us about a family monument in bronze that had

been installed alongside the head stone of *Pansy* and *Charles I. Maybee, Sr.*

The monument reads "In honor of our parents" and has the 6 boys first names and birthdates on the left and the 6 girls first names and birthdates on the right side. It is located in the Wyuka Cemetery, in Nebraska City, Nebraska."

### **UPDATED INFORMATION FROM ROBERT MUTRIE**

Robert Mutrie, Member #23 writes, "**Please note my new address below.** I am appending information about *James Secord* and *Silas Mabie* mentioned in the recent newsletter.

**R. Robert Mutrie**  
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**Welland ON L3B 5G8**  
**[www.nornet.on.ca/~jcardiff](http://www.nornet.on.ca/~jcardiff)**

*Magdeline Secord's* trek to Fort Niagara was chronicled in "*The Trail of the Black Walnut*" by George Elmore Reaman (McClelland & Stewart: 1957). Her husband was already at Fort Niagara, a Lieutenant in the Loyalist forces and she was traveling to join him. The following is his documented biography:

**"Secord, James** (son of *Daniel and Catherine (Mabie) Secord*), born at New Rochelle, New York on 24 Apr 1732 and baptized at the New Rochelle Reformed Dutch Church on 28 May 1732,<sup>1</sup> died at Niagara Twp., Lincoln Co., Upper Canada before 3 Aug 1795. He married Magdelina Badeau, born at New Rochelle, New York c. 1739.

James was baptized in the Dutch Reformed Church at New Rochelle as "Jacques" on 28 Mar 1732. The witnesses were Mr. Johanes Maby and Mad. Susan his wife.

Following his marriage to *Magdeline Badeau*, James lived at New Rochelle for a time and had two children baptized in the Dutch Reformed Church: *Salomon (Solomon)*, born on

9 Mar 1755 and baptized on 4 Apr 1755, and *Etienne (Stephen)*, baptized on 9 Oct 1757.

In the years prior to the American Revolution, they resided at Walpack, Sussex County, New Jersey where James Secord was listed on the Tax Rateables List of 1773-74. He afterwards moved to the Susquehanna Valley, Pennsylvania. During the American Revolution, James was loyal to the British cause and he was a Lieutenant in Butler's Rangers.

In the Land Petition dated 3 Aug 1795 filed by his sons, James and David Secord, it was noted that James Secord, Sr., deceased, joined His Majesty's Standard as early as the year 1777 and brought with him forty-six loyal subjects to Niagara. In the year following, he brought his family consisting of a wife and seven children, three of whom joined Col. Butler's Rangers and served during the War. James, Sr. served as a Lieutenant in the Six Nations Indian Department. He received 500 acres of land and his heirs wished his further entitlement. They were granted an additional 1,500 acres to bring his entitlement to 2,000 acres.<sup>3</sup>

In his land petition dated at Niagara on 12 Jan 1797, James Secord, Jr. noted that his father brought into this province about forty men, all of whom joined Col. Butler's Rangers. He was promised a Company in the Rangers but this was afterwards withheld from him.<sup>4</sup>

James and Magdeline Secord and their family were recorded in the 1783 Census of Niagara. They afterwards settled in Niagara Twp., Lincoln Co.

James received a grant of the north half of Lot 19, Concession 2, Charlotteville Twp., Norfolk Co. in the Long Point Settlement. This was willed to his sons David and James Secord.<sup>5</sup>

**Sources:** 1. Register of New Rochelle Reformed Dutch Church;  
3. Upper Canada Land Petition "S" Bundle 1, Doc. No. 113;

4. Upper Canada Land Petition "S" Bundle 2, Doc. No. 149;
5. Upper Canada Land Petition "S" Bundle 12, Doc. No. 362"

Here is a document concerning  
**Silas Mabee** also mentioned in the latest issue.

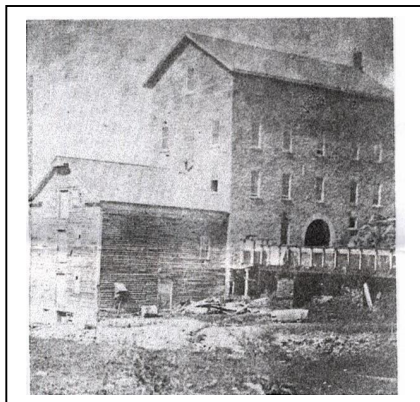
**"Silas Mabee** filed a Land Petition dated at Woodhouse Twp., Norfolk Co., Upper Canada (Ontario) on 24 Apr 1810, stating that he came from the province of Nova Scotia (more probably New Brunswick, formed from Nova Scotia) four years previous and that he was desirous of obtaining a lease on Lot 3, Concession 6, Woodhouse, for which Anthony Manuel (a brother-in-law) would stand surety for the due payment of rents.

A supporting document from **Peter Montross** (a brother-in-law), **Levina (Mabee) Hilton** (a sister-in-law), and **Larrance Johnson** (a brother-in-law), stated that he had been a faithful British soldier in the American Revolution from 1779 until the conclusion of the war under the command of Captain [Giltotter] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Delancey. He was taken prisoner in several instances and exchanged.

**Source:** Upper Canada Land Petition "M" Bundle Leases, Doc. No. 96

### **THE ROYALTON NEW YORK MABEES**

From Jeanine Kowalski, Member #317



***Mabee Mill***

Down by the old mill stream the wagons entered through the large arch. Note the original mill on the left built in 1812.

John Mabee (Maybee) was born 18 Dec. 1781 in Little Falls, N.Y., the son of Cobus Maybee and Christina Van de Eerwaerde (Felland) He married 29 March 1809 Polly Chubb, born 1 October 1788, the daughter of Joseph Chubb of Connecticut.

James (Cobus) Maybee settled below Little Falls, where he resided during the French and Indian War and engaged in fur trading. He owned a large tract of land in what is now known as "German Flats". In 1790 he moved his family to Penfield, Monroe, County, N.Y. where he purchased 1700 acres of land. He died shortly after moving to Monroe Co. He reared a large family of eleven children; Maria, John (scalped by an Indian), Dorothy (Dorothea), Bartholomew, Liesje, Syvanus (Severienus), Anna, Alida, John (Jonathan) and Catherine.

Polly's father, Joseph Chubb was a private in the War of Independence and was in Washington's army when it crossed the Delaware River and was captured by the Hessians. He resided in New London, Connecticut after the war, then moved to Chenango County and lived there until his death. At the ripe old age of 87 years, he married Sarah Tinker and had 2 sons and 5 daughters.

Col. Jon (Jonathan) fought in the War of 1812-14 against England. He first lived in Penfield, then Pittsford before moving in 1810 to Royalton in Niagara County, New York, where he purchased a small gristmill on the east bank of the 18 mile creek, now known as Red Creek. He also owned a distillery in 1812. He built 3 more mills in "The Mill District" of Royalton, including 2 sawmills. He had extensive land holdings in the area.

In 1812, Col. John (as he wanted to be known) purchased property from Joseph Ellicot and The Holland Land Co. He was reputed to have built the first flouring mill in the town of Royalton,

but his obituary states he purchased an existing mill. A map of 1852 shows the original mill still standing on that property.

There were 2 dams in the creek; one forming a pond for the last mill and the other forming a larger pond on the lower level. This is where Col. John's first gristmill and sawmill were located. He died, 1 Sept. 1849 after a fall from the dam, his faithful dog howling, alerting the men in the mill of the accident.

Col. John and Polly lived first in a log cabin and later in a 2-story farmhouse style home that has recently been renovated by the present owners.

The Mabee children were: James, born 1810; John, born 1812, a daughter born in 1814, a son born in 1815, Benjamin, born 1816, Christiana born 1819, Sarah and Christianna born 1822, Polly born 1824, Marcus born 1827 and a daughter born in 1831.

An article noted that Col. John was well known for his generosity and hosted the Indians in the spring and fall while on their annual trek to Lake Ontario for their supply of fish.

He was a member of the Whig Party, later switching to the Democrat Party.

To the west of the old mill, a few hundred feet is the Mabee Cemetery, which the family still holds the deed to. The only gravestones standing are Col. John's and his daughter, Christianna's. There are numerous other gravestones broken or laying down in the cemetery. A young man that lives behind the cemetery takes care of it.

Sources:

1. Biography & History of Niagara County
2. Folk of the Mill District by E. Stierner
3. Yesterday in Royalton by J. Winner
4. Niagara County Historical Office.

### **MARCUS MABEE'S LIFE IN ROYALTON, NEW YORK**

Marcus Mabee was born 26 August 1827 in the town of Royalton, the 10<sup>th</sup> child of Col. John Mabee and Polly Chubb. He received his education from the Common School and the Royalton Academy

Marcus took over the milling business after his father's death in 1849. The 1855 N.Y. census lists him as a mill owner. The same census lists his mother as owning a gristmill and real estate worth \$5,000 and a sawmill worth \$300. Marcus sold his father's mill in 1880 for \$4,000 to Jacob Rafter and R. W. Becker. The mill burned a day later. Mr. Rafter was insured, but Mr. Becker was not. The old stone walls are still standing today, among overgrown brush and trees.

According to the local paper of August 2, 1872, Marcus was building a new gristmill in addition to the old one. The new addition and the old would give it a length of 100 ft., allowing 4 or 5 teams to load and unload at the same time. More changes were made between 1872 and 1880 and it appears the original mill was torn down.

Marcus began a quarry business north of the Erie Barge Canal about 1882 after visiting a quarry in Pennsylvania. He hired 30 men to work in the quarry. The stone was used mainly for curbing, paving and buildings. An article in the local paper in 1890 stated that he had shipped 1,000 cords by rail to Buffalo, New York for paving. In 1869 he was listed as having property, making custom flour, grape grower and farmer.

He was an agent for the New York Central Railroad for 3 years at Mabee Station and also a Town Supervisor. He was a former member of the Whig Party, the Republican Party, and was a strong advocate of protective tariffs and a member of the Cataract Lodge No. 94, Ancient Order of the United Workers of Gasport.

Marcus married Elizabeth Priestley on

4 March 1851, the daughter of Richard Priestley of Pittsford, Monroe Co., New York. They had 2 children; Eugene and Marcus, Jr.

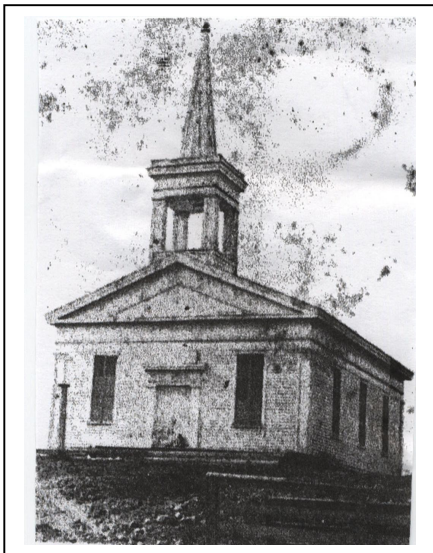
Marcus died in 1901. His funeral was one of the largest in the area. He had been held in the highest esteem by every one who knew him. He and his wife are buried in Mt. View Cemetery in Royalton.

Marcus, Jr. was born in 1856 and died in 1893. Eugene was born in 1856 and was a Deputy Collector of Customs in Niagara Falls, New York. He married Alice Dale of Town of Royalton and died in 1932. All are buried in Mt. View Cemetery.

Sources:

1. Biography and History of Niagara Co.
2. Niagara County Historical Office.

### **THE ROYALTON MABEES' PLACE OF WORSHIP**



The first organized religious meetings took place with the Ladies' meeting at the home of the Kayner family in Orangeport Rd. in Gasport, New York. In 1813 a building was erected on Orangeport Rd. and the first minister was Oliver Castile in 1818. This was the first time the gospel was preached west of the Genesee River. The community was incorporated in 1823 and

became "The First Christian Society of Royalton."

The First Christian Church was a rustic building with no windows and a dirt floor. The seats were boards raised on blocks of wood. This building was also used for secular affairs. Eventually wood flooring replaced the dirt floor and windows were added. The building was painted red, hence the "Red Meeting House". It burned in 1845.

A white meeting house, typical of New England style churches was built in 1845, but was torn down about 1855 and a new church was built. That one burned in 1972.

In the First Christian Church Congregational records of 1817-1968, Polly Mabee had been a member since 24 July 1843 but was removed and commenced 3 May 1862. This was probably when she moved to her daughter Polly's in Jackson, Michigan and lived there until she died 21 Jan. 1879. Her funeral services were held at the Congregational Church in Gasport, New York.

### **MEDICAL QUERY:**

Benita Saatvedt, Member #85 writes,

"Dear Family, We are searching for leads to a rare family disorder. Our family is trying to determine if there is a male-to-male transmission (father to son).

It would greatly help if anyone descended from ***William Orlow Maybee*** (1876), ***Milo Frederick Maybee*** (abt 1844), or ***William Edgar Maybee*** (1842) could email Benita Saatvedt at [bfaatvedt@comcast.net](mailto:bfaatvedt@comcast.net). We are looking for family members with migraines with auras, unexplained muscle weakness or heart problems. Everything will be kept private. Thank you."

### **NEWS FROM ABROAD?**



Charles Gorton, our Copy Editor, remarks that we are short on articles about members in England, New Zealand, etc. We would love to have stories, pictures etc. about the English Mabeys, Mabees, etc.

## The President's Corner

John D. MayBee, President – Maybee Society

### Who Were Their Parents?

*These people in our database have no known parents. If you have any information contact John MayBee at [maysoc@comcast.net](mailto:maysoc@comcast.net)*

**Abraham Mabee**; born somewhere around 1750; married a woman named **Mercy**. A petition 9 March 1798 of Abraham Requa of Yorktown, Westchester Co., stated "**Abraham Mabee** is a lunatic." and asked for Guardianship papers for daughters **Charlotte**, age about 21, **Abigail**, age about 19, and **Barsheba**, age 16, **Abraham Mabee's** wife was deceased.

His daughter, **Barsheba** or **Bethsheba Mabee**, born between 1781 and 1782; married **John Lockwood** of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York. We have 58 Lockwood descendants in our file"

**Robert Mabee**, born between 1816 and 1818 in Pennsylvania, married

**Martha Ann Hood** on 18 May 1845 in Fayette County, Indiana, and died before 1900.

**Robert and Martha** lived in Columbia Township, Fayette County, Indiana, and had the following children:

**Mary J. Mabee**, born December 1846;

**Rachel H. Mabee**, born between 1853 and 1854;

**Amanda or Frances Mabee**, born 1855;

**Arbanah Mabee**, born June 1858, **George W. Mabee**, born December 1860 in Fayette County, Indiana, married **Dessie Darbey** on 9 March 1893 in Fayette County;

**Charles Mabee**, born 1865; and

**Floyd Edwin Mabee** (known as Edwin), born between 1868 and 1869 in Fayette County,

Indiana, married a woman named **Ida M.** In 1908.

**Robert and Martha** have 13 known descendants.

**John Mabee**, born 1798, married **Ann Smith** on 22 September 1821 in Sussex County, New Jersey. He died before 1840 in Sussex County.

Their children were:

**William B. Mabee**, born 8 March 1822 in Newton, New Jersey, who married **Catherine Peters**;

**Rachel Mabee**, born between 1824 and 1825 in Sussex County, married **Abraham W Hunt**; **Annie Mabee**, born circa 1825 in Sussex County, who married a Mr. **Bowdoin**; and **Susan Mabee**, born circa 1825 in Sussex County, New Jersey.

**John and Ann** have 93 known descendants.

**Alonzo Courtney Quackenbush Mabee**, born 19 January 1829 in Montgomery County, New York, married

**Mary Ann Garry** either 5 July 1852 or 8 June 1854 in Hastings on the Hudson, New York, and died 21 January 1900 in White Plains, New York, at age 71, he was buried in Rural Cemetery, White Plains. He is possibly the grandson of **Ryer Mabie** of Montgomery County. **Alonzo and Mary Ann** have the following known children:

**Emma J. Mabee**, born between 1853 and 1854 in New York;

**Wilber Norton Mabee Sr.**, born 11 June 1857 in Tarrytown,, who married **Jennie Fisher**; and **Carrie E. Mabee**, born 14 January 1862 and died 12 July 1920 at age 58.

**Alonzo and Mary Ann** have 30 known descendants.

**Alanson Maybee**, circa 1823 in New York, married an Irishwoman woman named **Mary Ann**, and died 1 February 1881 in Colchester Township, Delaware County, New York. His obituary read "A husband and wife depart on the same day. **Alanson and Mary Ann Maybee**, residents of the town of Colchester, Delaware County, near Westfield Flats, died the other day, aged

respectively 58 and 48 years. The husband died at about 11 a.m. and his wife at five p.m., of the same day.

Mr. Maybee was the father of the wife of ex-Supervisor M.R. Dodge of Westfield."

**Alanson Mabee** is listed as a brother to **Daniel, John, and Robert Smith** of Colchester in "Men Now in Service- 1865" The Smiths were all born in New Jersey.

Known children of **Alanson** and

**Mary Ann** were:

**William Riley Maybee**, born circa 1851 in New York;

**Jennette Maybee**, born circa 1854 in New York;

**Alexander Maybee**, born 1861 in Colchester Township;

**Mary J. Maybee**, born circa 1863 in Colchester Township; and

**John Maybee**, born between 1867 and 1868 in Colchester Township, who was a widowed salesman in Rockland, Sullivan County, New York, in 1910.

**Alanson and Mary Ann** have nine known descendants.

### DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE PEOPLE?



#### ***William Huff and Julie Ette Maybee?***

Steve Mabie, member # 257, Vice President of the Maybee Society, writes,

"I was contacted by a lady named **Frances Hays** who is doing research for **Joy Faul Cox**, whose great-grandfather was **William Huff Maybee**. Frances is trying to identify the couple

in the attached photograph, with the chance that they are **William Huff Maybee** and his wife **Julie Ette Harrington**.

If so, the photo would have been taken shortly after the Civil War. If anyone recognizes the couple, please contact Steve Mabie at:

<http://www.aol.com>.

### DO YOU RECOGNIZE HER?

Jeanine Kowalski, Member #317, would like to know if anyone knows who the woman in this picture is? The photography studio was in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. **Jeanine's NEW email is:** [jeaninek74@aol.com](mailto:jeaninek74@aol.com)



### FIVE

Jean Lintner's family picture.



#### ***Five generations of Jean Lintner's family:***

From **The Intelligencer**, Friday  
October 13, 2006

**Jean Lintner**, (right) great-great-grandmother, considers this photo a precious moment she thought would never happen due to a serious illness she had years ago

Five generations represented are:  
From left Susan Mahon, grandmother,  
Stephanie Hefner, mother, Carley Hefner, great-great-granddaughter and Judith Dolan, great-grandmother.

### **DUES:**

Many thanks to Orvan L. Mabie, Member #68, who made a donation to the Maybee Society, to Ann Christman, Member # 312 who has dues paid up to 2009 and to Peter and Angela Maybee, Member # 11; Zina Maybee, Member # 28, Barbara Gaines, Member # 122 and Susan Godlewski, Member #253 who have paid their dues in advance to 2008. Thank you also to the 30 members who have paid their 2007 dues.

Please check your envelopes to see if your dues are current.

### **ADDRESS CHANGE:**

We inadvertently gave the wrong address for Dr. Jan Maby in the last Communicator. Her address is:

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### **NEW MEMBERS:**

**Welcome to our new members!**

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Auburn, Ontario, Canada  
N0M 1E0  
[scottb@hurontel.on.ca](mailto:scottb@hurontel.on.ca)

Brenda is from the line of Jan Pieterse Mabie and Annetje Boorsboom, through Metje Mabie

Carolyn Fogall                    #338  
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Carolyn is the niece of Charles Stoodley. Her line is from Abraham Mabie & Annetje Vedder

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Shelly's maiden name is Maybee

Cheryl Maybee                    #340  
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Cheryl is the daughter of Hal Maybee, Member # 296 Her line is from John Maybee and Rosanna Cook.

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