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The President's Corner

This edition of the Communicator is dedicated to Jack Maybee, our second president. As a dedicated genealogist he knew that he must leave his family's story behind, and he did. He tracked his and his wife's ancestors and the descendents of the Maybee line. The records he turned over to the Society had over 8500 people.

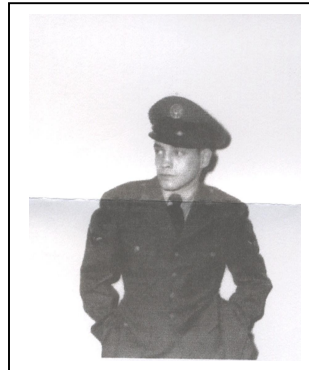
If we are to leave our family's history for our descendants then we should follow Jack's example, and make sure that our stories are recorded and saved.

Rest in Peace, Jack.

JOHN A. (JACK) MAYBEE

Mary Maybee, Jack's wife, Steve Mabie, Charles Stoodley and others sent us this obituary for Jack.

Mary says, "I have asked anyone wishing to make a memorial to Jack's name to do so to SCHS Mabie Farm, 1080 Main Street, Rotterdam Junction NY 12150."



"St. Petersburg Times"-
12/15/2007.

MAYBEE, John A. "Jack" 78, of Dunedin, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at Mease Dunedin Hospital. He was born in Canton, New York, on Dec. 19, 1928, the son of Nelson A. Maybee and Margaret Buffham. Jack resided in Guilderland, New York until 2005, when he became a permanent resident of Dunedin.(Florida) He had been a "snowbird" in Dunedin since 1989. Jack served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict. He received a BS and MED from St. Lawrence University, taught school for several years before being a guidance director. In 1961 he became a member of NYS Dept.of Education, retiring in 1988, as a bureau chief.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Mary Ellen McCrea; 1 son and daughter in law, Michael and Lisa; a granddaughter, Michaela; 2 sisters, Helen (Joseph) Randi, and Barbara Gaines. Jack was seriously involved as a genealogist, having traced his family back to the early 1600s, when they immigrated to America.

For years he was President of the Maybee Society, where he shared his years of work and his vast amount of information with everyone. He also found time to spend on the golf course and at the bridge table. Memorial Service Monday, Dec. 17, 11 am, at: Moss Feaster Funeral Home Dunedin Chapel 1320 Main St. Dunedin, FL 34698"

JOINS THE MAYBEE SOCIETY

Jack joined the Maybee Society in 1989. In the Communicator for March 1989, we read, "John Albert Maybee of Schenectady, New York is now member #58. He has prepared a genealogy of "Mabille (Mabie, Mabee, Maybee) Family: Rotterdam Junction Branch". Among those supplying data was our member #27, Maurice Strobeck and Royal A. Mabie- (now deceased)."

VICE PRESIDENCY

The May 1992 Communicator states, "For some time we have been urged to have an office in the New York area. It is with pleasure that we can now announce that our

Member # 58, John Albert Maybee of Schenectady, New York and Dunedin, Florida has agreed to serve as our Vice President for the East Coast, effective immediately.

It is our plan to have duplicate records and materials in the East and we are already in the process of forwarding material to John A. Maybee, more often called, Jack. He in turn is sending material to Belva Maybee Perry at our home office in Everett, Washington."



Jack and Mary Maybee

JACK BECOMES MAYBEE SOCIETY PRESIDENT

He became president of the Maybee Society when George Maybee Martin died in 1994.

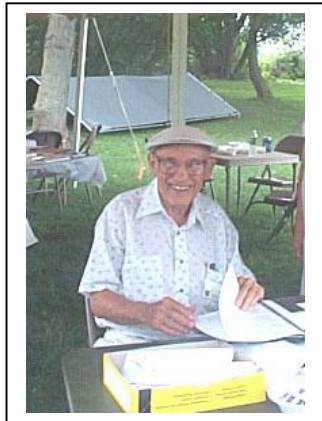
In 1996 he reports "A copy of the Mabie/Mabee/Maybee spouse family index is made available to the public in hopes that it may be of some genealogical value to others and in hopes that some people will provide the compiler corrections and/or additional data that will update the file, fill in gaps or help to bring some

lines up to the present. Since 1992, the file has doubled to about 26,000 names. "

REUNIONS

Jack and Mary have always been active in organizing Maybee reunions.

The 1991 Communicator reports, "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 Maisie Maybee, Floyd Glen and wife Ruth Ann nee Maybee."



He presided at many reunions and was presented with an award for his years of service at the 2005 reunion at the Mabie House in Rotterdam Junction.

ACTIVE IN GENEALOGY AS LONG AS HE LIVED:

Jack and Mary lived many years in the Rotterdam Junction area of New York. This is where the early Mabie family lived and it is an area rich in Early American history. He was always excited about the history of

New Amsterdam/New York. Just last June he wrote, " I'm reading ***"The Island at the Center of the World,"*** by Russell Shorto; As I read, I keep placing ***Pieter C., Jan P., Albert Bradt*** and ***Teunis S.***, and ***P. J. Borsboom*** in the story, especially in the 1650's when Pieter Stuyvesant started Beaverwyck in the 1650's. We know the Borsbooms were there; ***Pieter J. Bors.*** sold his brick yard about 1661 and bought into the Schenectady patent!

If you look at the dates for ***Maritie B.*** when she married ***Hendrick Brower***, she was most likely born in the late 1650's. And we know that ***William Tietsoort*** was in Schenectady before the massacre, and he was a blacksmith. So, it is pretty easy to see why Jan came to Albany and Schenectady."

MEMORIES OF JACK:

Steve Mabie, V. P. of the Maybee Society, Member # 257, wrote, "Jack and I had corresponded by mail and the internet for some 3 years before we met in person when I went to Schenectady for the Maybee Society Reunion in July 2000. While I was in town, Jack and Mary invited me to dinner with Kim and Gary Mabie.

There we sat after a great dinner, Jack and Mary Maybee, Gary and Kim Mabie, and me, when it occurred to us that we were each descendants of a different son of Jan Pieterse Mabie, Jack being a descendant of Jan's son Abraham, Gary of Jan's son Jacob and I of Jan's son Peter. Given the way the families spread out after the

Revolution, this was quite likely the first time in roughly 200 years that a member of each branch of Jan's extended family sat together under the same roof. And each of us spelled our family name differently!

Jack always offered encouragement to me in my research, and his passing has left a void that will never be filled."

Barb Kineke, Member # 269, wrote, "I can remember Jack at many of our local Mabie reunions. He was always so involved in the research. One time after one of the National Mabie reunions at the Mabie Farm in Rotterdam, he took my sister and me to his home and we enjoyed a visit with him. He will be missed greatly."

Barbara Carter, Member #3, writes, "Above all else, Jack was a gentleman. That is sometimes a rare trait in these days. At the 2000 reunion, he took my daughter, Leesa, and me for a tour of various areas in the New York area around Schenectady. He and Mary invited us over for a piece of her famous key lime pie.

We worked together for years, he as Maybee Society President and I as Executive Secretary."

PHYLLIS MARION (NEE FRYER)
MAYBEE DIES AT AGE 102

Lynn Watson, Member # 305, writes, "Mom died on April 9th, 2007,

just short of her 102nd birthday. I have enclosed a copy of the obit that was in the Toronto Globe and Mail, also a copy of Dad's from 1996. I

don't know if I told you but Vera Maybee died on August 26th, 2006. So, the last of that generation has passed away."

Regards, Lynn (Maybee) Watson

Maybee, Phyllis Marion (nee Fryer), died peacefully at Chelsey Park, Mississauga (Ontario, Canada) on April 9, 2007 in her 102nd year. Phyllis was the beloved wife of the late Gareth Edward Maybee (1996) and dear mother of Jane Stock and her husband Ted, Nancy Archer and Clair (Randy), Lynn Watson and Keith. Loving Grandma to Michael Stock (Susan), Peter Stock (Carolina), Stephen Stock (Susan), Susan Vaclavek (David), Chris Archer (Shelley), Vicki Davoren (Kirk, d. 2004), Lea Hartley (Scott), David Watson (Sarah), Keli Watson (Brett Seiler), and Brandon Watson (Jill). Phyllis was a loving great grandma to Shayna, Tamara, Sharleen, Hayley, Kiel, Aleatha, Gary, Marlo, Michelle, Keli, Andrew, Cory, Bryan, Jamie, Sarah, Emily, Colin, Isobel, Shannon, Elliott, Kingsley and Jasper. A lifelong resident of Port Credit, (Ontario, Canada) Phyllis enjoyed volunteering at the former South Peel Hospital, in the early years repairing hospital gowns and, later, working in the gift shop. She also knitted hundreds of layette sets for newborn babies to be sold at the hospital gift shop. Phyllis played an excellent game of bridge and was a member of several bridge clubs, one of them for over 50 years. Most of all, Phyllis was the "glue" that held her family together through good times and bad. Thank you to Sandra

and Eva for helping make Phyllis' final years more comfortable. Thanks also to the staff on the Fourth Floor of Chelsey Park for their care in the past few months. Donations in memory of Phyllis may be made to the Trillium Health Centre Foundation, 100 Queensway West, Mississauga, ON L5B 1B8, www.trilliumhealthcentre.org/foundation or a charity of your choice. There will be a private family memorial service."

DEATH DATE FOR SOLOMON MABEY, JR.

Ken Mabey, Member # 158, writes, "We now have a birth date and death date for Solomon Mabey, Jr. He was born 03 Nov 1793, and died 02 Dec 1866, aged 73 years and 29 days. This information was found by me in the Vedder Library at the Greene County Historical Society, and the information was found in the Westerlo Cemeteries Book, page 118, Bishop Burying Ground, aka the Mabey Cemetery. The inscriptions were copied by Mr. and Mrs. William Van Derpoel Hannay, May 16, 1926.

When I first found this cemetery and cleaned it up in 1976, the gravestone for Solomon Jr. was broken off at the base, and someone had apparently removed it from the premises. The foot stone had the initials, SM, so we were quite sure that he was buried there, but did not know the details until finding the 1926 source.

Just prior to finding this information, I had found in the New York State Census of 1865 the following: Solomon Mabey, farmer, age 70 in

Greenville, Greene County, New York.

Solomon was the fourth child born to Solomon Mabey and Rosannah Mabey nee Lovel, and the second son. He and his sister Samantha, and David Hill (perhaps a half brother, since Lois Hill was Solomon Sr.'s second wife) all lived together after Solomon Mabey Sr. died, prior to that they had all lived with Solomon Sr. Both David Hill and Samantha predeceased Solomon Jr., and the trio are buried side by side. Samantha was with her sister, Rosannah Whitford nee Mabey in 1865 when she died on August 11th of that year. Rosannah and Samantha aka Cemantha were the daughters of Solomon Mabey, Sr. and Lois Mabey nee Hill. David Hill died at age 72 on the 2nd of November, 1863.

I would like to replace the gravestone for Solomon Mabey, Jr. and one other stone, for Helen M., the daughter of Daniel and Phoebe J. Mabey that is in too many pieces to repair. The rest of the gravestones are in reasonably good condition, and the vast majority of the stones in this cemetery are of Solomon Sr. and his two wives, Rosannah Lovel, who bore him ten children before her decease in 1806; and Lois Hill who bore him three; and their children, and spouses and grandchildren."

--- Ken Mabey

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CORRECTION:

My apologies – I left part of the following story out of the November

2007 Communicator. The missing parts are bolded.

ABRAHAM MABIE'S BARN USED FOR BODIES

Jeanine Kowalski, Member #317

On July 18, 1748, Adam Conde was killed by the Indians at the Beukendal massacre, which was one of the last outrages of the French and Indian War. This occurred near the old De Graaf house about three miles west of the Schenectady Turnpike.

The tradition in the Conde family, which is fully as authentic as others, especially as the family has lived for generations in the immediate vicinity, related that a party of men had assembled to "raise" a barn on the Toll property, near the De Graaf house, when they heard a turkey call up the little creek from which Beukendal, or Beech valley, gets its name. The party accordingly took their guns and started up the gully in pursuit of the game, but had gone only a short distance when they were ambushed by Indians. Those who survived the first onslaught retreated to the De Graaf house which they defended until relieved by a party of militia from Schenectady. In this skirmish twenty men were killed, Adam Conde being one of the number, and thirteen or fourteen were taken captive and carried back to Canada. **The dead were taken to Schenectady and laid out in the barn of Abraham Mabie on Church Street.** All these were undoubtedly interred in the old church burying ground which lay under what is now the intersection of State and Church

Streets; the location now being marked by a stone bearing a bronze tablet. Over this spot now flows the entire traffic across the great new bridge spanning the Mohawk River, dedicated in 1926 and known as the "Great Western Gateway".

Source: New York Genealogical Records Vol. 59, page 133.

AND THE WINNERS ARE:



Kendra Perry



Nicole Perry

The winners of our contest, who will receive the Communicator free for two years are: **Melvin R. Maybee, # 50 and Marilyn Osborn #311..** The names were drawn by the daughters of Bret & Vickie Perry, Members # 86.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

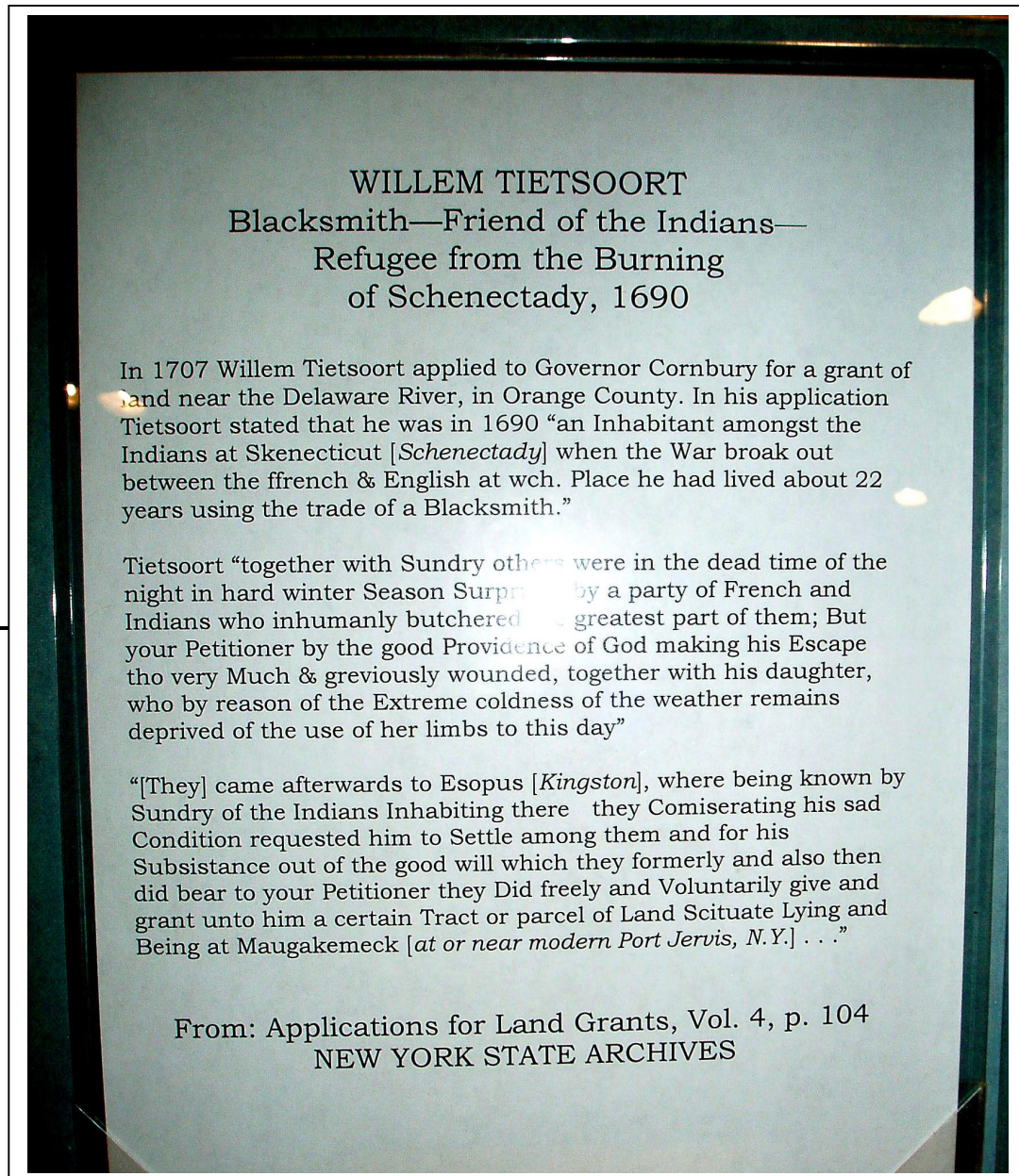
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KIM MABEE MAKES EXCITING FIND

Kim Mabee, Member # 78, writes, "I am so excited I can't stand it -- and this all happened last night at our Colonialfest program---- one of the speakers was a man from the State Archives--- he brought an original document that they just found -- telling some more about the massacre !! BUT it is an application from Willem Tietsoort (JAN MABEE'S OLDER HALF BROTHER-- THE BLACKSMITH) for land in Delaware because of the massacre--- some description--- did you know of this document already !!!?? I took a picture of the transcription and the original and he gave me his card, and told me he would give us a copy !!!



I about bounced out of my seat-- they made me come up to the microphone to explain what I was so excited about --- they did not know he was Jan's brother -- so I got to tell them something too--- more connections to Schenectady--- let me know as soon as you can-- thanks Kim"

Kim also sent a copy of another document. I wasn't successful in getting a readable copy.

Steve Mabie, Maybee Society V.P., Member #257, adds, "I did not know about the document, but I did know that William Tietsoort moved to a place on the Delaware River immediately after the Schenectady Massacre. He was the first white man there, and the location was pretty close to where Port Jervis, NY is now.

Circa 1714, William moved again, this time to Dutchess County, New York. But one of his sons (Abraham) settled in what is now Wantage Township, New Jersey, just down Route 23 from Port Jervis.

Between 1977 and 1988 (before I knew about any of this) we lived just off Rte. 23, first in Sussex Borough, then in Wantage Township. I could kick myself (and have done so) for not knowing about this earlier.

Anyway, the letter William wrote to Jan (that was found at the farm by the Society) is about William trying to get help from Jan and the others in Schenectady because William had lost his deed in the fire and couldn't get his patent (at Port Jervis) approved. Basically, his land was stolen from him."

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