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## The President's Corner

### **Research, Research, Research!**

That's what genealogy is all about! Since I retired some fifteen years ago, my occupation/avocation has been doing genealogical research. I spend two to six hours most days on the internet, researching any Mabie names, and trying to fit them into the various lines our database has.

A lot of the new information comes from both Maybee Society members doing their own research, as well as other researchers who come across Mabey information and share it with us.

If you have done research into our family, I would be very happy if you would share it with us. You can email it to me at [maysoc@comcast.net](mailto:maysoc@comcast.net), or mail it to me at the address on page 6

*We do not publish any information on living people, but the information is added to our master database, for use by future researchers.*

John MayBee  
President

## Research Update

By Steve Mabie  
Vice-President

This first Communicator of 2012 is somewhat difficult to write, but for a good reason. There is too much new information to fit into one edition. As a result, the photos from the Headstone Marking Ceremony for Simon Mabee (1769 – 1842) which was held at St. Mark in-the-Bowery Episcopal Church on October 29, 2011 will have to wait, as will a very interesting tale which has emerged recently concerning one Peter L. Mabie Jr., who, it seems, was a bigamist, ultimately having two very large families during the 1800s.

But first, there is the continuation of a thread that was begun in the July 2011 Communicator. In that edition, it was briefly mentioned that we would be addressing the children and grandchildren of Abraham Mabie and Silvia Coquillet, of Westchester and Putnam Counties in New York.

This Abraham Mabie was baptized on November 18, 1705 in the New York City Reformed Dutch Church, a son of Caspar

Mabie and Lysbeth Schuermans. Abraham married Silvia Coquillet, a daughter of Francois Coquillet and Silvia Sicard. Abraham and Silvia are known to have had 5 children, all baptized in the French Church of New Rochelle, Westchester County, NY: Abraham (born January 16, 1726, baptized February 23, 1729), Peter (Pierre, born September 8, 1731, baptized October 10, 1731), Elizabeth (born October 13, 1733, baptized November 2, 1733), Phoebe (Phoeby, born October 19, 1735, baptized November 16, 1735) and John (Jean, born February 7, 1740, baptized July 5, 1740).

For son Abraham (1726 – 1817), we have two independent sources for the names of his children. First, there is his will written March 25, 1803 and proved September 6, 1817. The second source is a 1851 letter written by Samuel Mabey to his cousin Daniel Mabie. Both of these sources agree. Abraham and his wife Sarah (Gates) had five sons (Stephen married Abigail Penney, Abraham married Content Ellis, Solomon married first Rosannah Lovel and second Lois Hill, Joshua married Elizabeth Gifford and Samuel married Ruth Bolt) and three daughters (Sarah, wife of George Cleveland, Susanna, wife of Joseph Baker, and Elizabeth, deceased, who had been the wife of Squire Ellis.)

For son Peter (1731 – 1817) we have the record of his marriage to Susanna Sunderland (March 9, 1758), and his will written November 3, 1808 and proved December 29, 1817. Peter and Susanna had five sons (Daniel married Rachel Booth, Jeremiah married Mary Wright, Elias married first Mary Hunt and second Eunice Oakley, Abraham, and Levi married Sarah Baker) and two daughters Tamer, wife of John Wright, and Susanna (unmarried). Peter and Susanna were pre-

deceased by son Abraham in 1798 and while the name of Abraham's wife remains unknown, it is fairly certain that he had a son Lebius who previously was thought to be a son of Levi; however, Peter's will makes clear that Levi was Lebius' uncle.

There is no further record of daughter Elizabeth (b. 1733).

According to The History of Putnam County, daughter Phoebe (b. 1735) married Thomas Baxter and had three children (Solomon, Jemima and Thaddeus). However, we now know that on May 14, 1784, Abraham Mabie appeared before the the Overseers of the Poor for the Town of Southeast, Dutchess County on behalf of his sister, Phoebe Baxter, a widow, who had at that time 5 children, 4 boys and one girl. The names of the other two boys remain unknown.

Finally, there is son John (b. 1740). Until recently, nothing was really known about this John Mabie. But thanks to the efforts of several Maybee Society researchers, we have now pieced together his movements and his family. First, thanks to an entry in a Dutchess County Deed book (Liber 10, page 344) we know that on April 10, 1784, his parents transferred 187 acres of land in Fredrickborough (now part of Putnam County) to John. By the mid-1790s, John had relocated to what is now the Town of Delhi, Delaware County, NY. Knowing these locations has enabled the researchers to identify the name of John's wife Abigail (possible maiden name Sloat) and those of their ten children, to wit: (1) Abraham Mabee (wife's name unknown, had a son Benjamin A. Mabee, a War of 1812 veteran who relocated to Macomb County, Michigan); (2) Hebron Mabee (wife's name unknown, had two sons Nathaniel T. Mabie and Abner Mabie); (3) Mary, wife of Elijah

Webb (incorrectly identified as Mary Wells in the previous Communicator); (4) Phoebe, wife of Alexander Calder; (5) Stephen Maybee (wife Phebe Appleby); (6) Eden Mabee (wife Mary Oakley Utter); (7) John Mabee (wife Catherine Brock); (8) Effie, wife of Jacob Craft; and (10) Daniel Mabe (wife Rachel Nelson).

### **A Special Note**

Thanks to the tireless effort of Tommy Shaughnessy (#260), the grave of Hamilton Wright Mabie (1845 – 1916), author, editor, public speaker and lawyer, has now been recognized as a Famous Interment by the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.

### **Obituaries**

#### Maybee Society member 129:

Eleanor "Ellie" (Mabee) Schneck, Strasburg, PA: 84, formerly of Longwood, FL passed away on Nov. 10, 2011 at home. Ellie graduated from Nunda Central School in NY, attended USC and Monroe Community College in Rochester earning a nursing degree. She practiced nursing at General Hospital and Allstate Ins. Co in Rochester and Florida Hospital in Orlando, FL. Ellie and her husband have been members of the Nazarene Church since 1950. Ellie's greatest love in life was her family and her passion was to share her love for the Lord with all those around her through her life and actions. Travel was also a lifelong passion. Survived by her loving husband of 65 years, James E. Schneck; her children: Bonnie (Dan) Murphy, Duxbury, MA, Jim (Felicity) Schneck, Spring Hill, FL, and Laurie (Steve) Chambers, Strasburg, PA; 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Internment: Hunt Hollow Cemetery, Portage, NY.  
Published in Rochester [NY] Democrat and Chronicle on November 15, 2011

#### Maybee Society member 232:

Mansfield, OH: Robert Edwin Mabee, lifelong Mansfield attorney, died Monday evening September 5, 2011 at Primrose Retirement Center following a long illness. He was 87. Bob was born in Shelby, Ohio on November 23, 1923 to Vere T. and Lila (Wiley) Mabee. He was graduated from Mansfield Senior High in 1941. He then enrolled in Ohio Northern University to study law. His education was interrupted in November 1942 when he enlisted in the US Navy at age 17. After three and a half years of service he returned to Ohio Northern and earned a degree in jurisprudence in November 1949. Before he was graduated he married Charlotte (Purdy) Mabee on May 28, 1949. He subsequently served in the Naval Reserve and retired as a lieutenant senior grade. One of his most precious memories was a trip on an Honor Flight with other Ohio veterans to visit the WWII Memorial at our nation's capital in May 2008. Early in his law career, Bob served as Mansfield's City Solicitor for three terms. In 1975 he was the head of the Richland County Bar Association. He practiced law in Mansfield for 53 years. Robert strived to serve his community with good intentions and good results. In 1957 the Mansfield Junior Chamber of Commerce named him "Young Man of the Year." In later years he belonged to the First Congregational Church where he held several leadership positions including the position of Moderator. Bob was a member of the Westbrook Country Club, the Hermit Club, Our Club, and was a 32nd degree mason. He was also a 50 year member and past president of Mansfield Rotary Club. He was president of the local YMCA and served on the YMCA National Council. Bob also participated in the transformation of Community Chest into United Way in the early fifties and later served as its president. Bob was one of the original

trustees for the Richland Community Service Center building which houses United Way and American Red Cross among other non-profit social service agencies. In April of 2004 a plaque honoring Bob was placed in the lobby of the Center to acknowledge his 15 years as president. A fellow trustee described Bob as having, "One of the most important but least recognized, thankless jobs of any volunteer position." Bob closely followed sports. He enjoyed playing golf, water skiing, and fishing on Lake Erie. A man of honor, he gave selflessly to his family, his community and his country. He will be greatly missed. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years; sons and a daughter-in-law Bruce T. & Julianna Mabee of Covington, LA and Robert W. Mabee of Mansfield; his daughter and son-in-law Pamela A. & Bernard Car of Norwalk; and children Benjamin Mabee, Christopher Mabee, Caitlin Mabee, Katherine Car, Carolyn Car, Brian Car and Bradley Car; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by a brother Kenneth W. Mabee and a sister-in-law Doris Mabee.

Internment: Mansfield Memorial Park

Maybee Society member 302:

Evelyn Marie Mach Mabie, age 81, passed away on Monday, July 25, 2011, in Winter Haven, Florida. She was born August 7, 1929, in Yankton, South Dakota, the ninth of 10 children born to Bohemian and Moravian parents, John Mach and Anna Hamberger Mach of Scotland, South Dakota. She was baptized into the Roman Catholic faith in Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in Vodnany, South Dakota, on August 10, 1929, and she was confirmed in the same church on May 5, 1941.

After graduation from Scotland High School in Scotland, South Dakota, Evelyn

attended nursing school at St. Catherine University in St. Paul, Minnesota, earned a nursing degree and became a registered nurse. Her first nursing position was in Kansas City, Missouri, before moving to Miami, Florida, where she worked at Jackson Memorial Hospital. While in Miami, she met Charles Glendon Mabie. The two were married on September 11, 1954, in Fardale, New Jersey. She gave birth to their daughter, Brenda Sue, on July 20, 1956. Evelyn continued her nursing career in New Jersey and in Sarasota, Florida, until her retirement. She is preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Louis, John, Norbert, Ladislav, Edward and Thomas, and her sisters, Helen, Louise and Marcella. She is survived by her husband of almost 57 years, her daughter and son-in-law, John Randolph Bibb, Jr., of Nashville, Tennessee, one granddaughter, Jean-Marie Elizabeth Clark, and her husband, Ryan Nelson Clark, and one great granddaughter, Marjorie Bibb Clark, all of Franklin, Tennessee.

**Dues**

Please don't forget to pay your dues for 2012. Dues are \$5 per year if you select the e-mail version of the Communicator (in color!), and \$10 per year for the black and white, hard copy version sent via the U.S. Postal Service.

**Who We Are:**

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### **A Special Request for Donations by the SCHS**

The following is a special request for donations by the Schenectady County Historical Society (SCHS):

The George E. Franchere Education Center has now been completed at the Mabee Farm Historic Site. Several members of the Maybee Society who are also members of the SCHS would like to proceed with all speed to enhance the experience for family and visitors. To that end, the SCHS has agreed to commission a painting of the Mabee Farm's historic buildings by renowned artist Len Tantillo. If you would like to view his work see:

<http://www.lftantillo.com/shop/index.php>

Last year in honor of the 1609 Henry Hudson voyage Mr. Tantillo had a showing of many of his paintings in the Netherlands. The historical society had previously commissioned a Tantillo painting in honor of the SCHC centennial in 2005 called Schenectady Town (see last page of this

newsletter). Mr. Tantillo first does research to make sure the paintings will be as historically accurate as possible. For instance, the Centennial painting is a historically accurate rendering of the calm before the storm, the evening of the Schenectady massacre, February 8, 1690.

In order to achieve the goal of commissioning the new painting of the Mabee Farm, the SCHS is soliciting donations. The total cost is estimated at \$17,000. So far approximately a third of this goal has been raised in donations from "Mabee" family members. If any of you are able to make even a small donation at this time, it would be greatly appreciated and help to see this project come to fruition. It is important to note that any donations should be made directly to the SCHS, 32 Washington Avenue, Schenectady, NY, 12305 with the notation "Mabee Farm Tantillo Painting."

***DO NOT SEND DONATIONS FOR THIS PAINTING TO THE MAYBEE SOCIETY.***

The Schenectady County Historical Society is a 501c3 and your donation would be tax deductible.

### **A Closing Note from Steve:**

Having finally achieved retirement, it is my plan to devote more time to genealogy. Accordingly, it is my hope that the Maybee Society Communicator can be published more frequently. To that end, you can look forward to at least three editions this year (2012).



## *Schenectady Town*

*A View of Schenectady, New York, circa 1690, from  
Cowhorn Creek.*

The Mohawk River connected the western wilderness with the Dutch settlements of New Netherland. Iroquois trade goods made their way to Fort Orange in this way. By the 1660's Arent Van Curler had the idea of establishing a new settlement west of Albany on the banks of the Mohawk. With his political influence and courageous direction the city of Schenectady was founded. Reconstructing the city as it may have appeared in 1690 was an artistic challenge requiring the interpretation of written accounts and the close scrutiny of historical land surveys. The resulting image was painted by Len Tantillo over the course of many months