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The President's Corner

Hello cousins!

First, I would like to thank past President John MayBee for his years of service as our president and for his continued service for the Roots web data base. Good job John, on behalf of all of us.

I am pleased to be of service to our family group. First, let me introduce myself. As of this month of April, I have been married to Gary Mabee for 40 years. And as I tell most folks when talking genealogy, I am NOT a Mabee, but helped produce a couple more, and to date, 3 grandchildren. Gary and I have been involved with the Mabee farm and Schenectady County Historical Society since George Franchere's donation in 1993, 20 years now. I have been a board member for 15 years, and past President.

Gary and I are fortunate to live about a mile down river from the Mabee Farm, on the north side of the Mohawk, in Glenville, N.Y. It's a very pretty and historic location we have been very lucky to enjoy. My hope is to pass it down to our family, and perhaps it will become the second Mabee House on the Mohawk in 300 years!

This month also marks the finish of a very special event for the Mabee Family AND

Farm. I have been plotting and planning since 2005 with Len Tantillo, a world renowned historic artist. He has just completed his depiction of the Mabee Farm with the date of Spring 1800. We thank our donors who contributed and made this special legacy possible. The largest donations came from Adirondack Bank, of which one branch of the Mabee Family helped to found. Next, we need to thank the Mabee Family Foundation, Tim and Heather Mabee being members I know best, and all of them being descendants of Peter, Jan's oldest son. Next Kenneth Huntington Chase, a descendent of Aeghtje or Eva, Jan's oldest daughter, then Donald and Carolyn Keefer, a descendent of Abraham, Jan's youngest son, Steve and Nancy Mabie, a descendent of Peter also, and Gary and I, he being a descendent of 4 of Jan's children.

It's a wonderful thing that we were able to commission this historic artwork. It will represent us in many different ways. We thank you all so much. If you would like your own copy, you may purchase a print through the farm web site and gift shop.

Kim Mabee, President

Research Update

By Steve Mabie
Vice-President

In Issue 88 (January 2012) the focus of Research Update was on the family of Abraham Mabie (baptized 1705) and Silvia Coquillet, specifically covering the children and grandchildren of this couple, based on the latest available research. The response to that article was very favorable, so it seems like a good idea to continue the thread of grandchildren of Caspar Mabie (baptized 1660) in this and upcoming issues.

Having said that, I would like to start with the descendants of Caspar's last born child, John (Johannes) Mabie, who was baptized in the Reformed Church of Hackensack, NJ, on May 9, 1708. I do so as tribute to Barrie Mabie (Member #45), a descendant of John, who with his wife Gloria (now deceased) did a great deal of research on this branch of our family. It was a result of a phone conversation with Barrie and Gloria that I decided to begin serious genealogical research on the Mabie Family. In a real sense, my research is an extension of theirs, and I am indebted to them both.

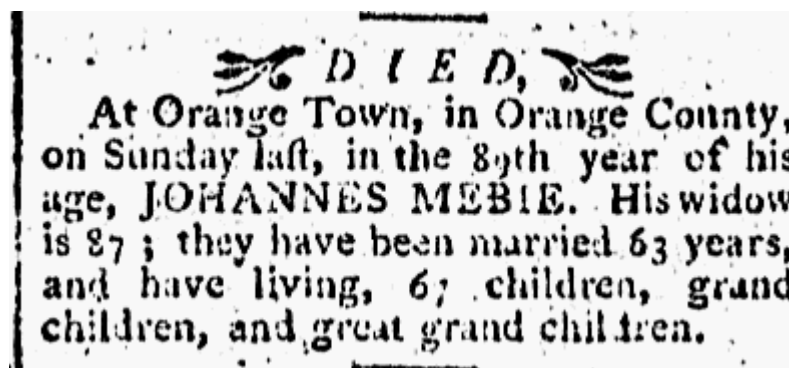
Back to John. John was the tenth and last child of Caspar Mabie and Lysbeth Schuermann. His birth date is unknown but his baptism record has survived. We know that John married Susannah Bertine sometime prior to November 11, 1732 because the Will of Peter Bertin (sic) signed that day mentions a daughter Susannah, wife of John Mesbe (sic).

John and Susanna baptized their first child, Elizabeth in the French Church of New Rochelle on April 29, 1733. She had been born on March 30th. It was not long thereafter that they relocated across the

Hudson River to what was then Orange County. The couple then baptized nine more children at the Tappan Reformed Church between 1735 and 1755:

- Petrus, was born April 3, baptized May 18, 1735.
- Anna, born January 10, baptized February 6, 1737.
- Susannah, born January 16, baptized February 1, 1739.
- Casparus, born January 10, baptized February 8, 1741.
- Effye, born April 28, baptized May 22, 1743.
- Hester, born April 4, baptized April 28, 1745
- Fredericus, born July 23 baptized August 16, 1747.
- Twins Jeremias and Johannis, born September 3, baptized October 7, 1750.
- Christina, born July 14, baptized Tappan September 7, 1755.

The death notice of Johannes appeared in the newspaper on June 21, 1794:



DIED,
At Orange Town, in Orange County,
on Sunday last, in the 89th year of his
age, JOHANNES MEBIE. His widow
is 87; they have been married 63 years,
and have living, 6; children, grand
children, and great grand children.

From this notice we can see that Susanna was still alive, that they were married for 63 years (1731), and that they had 67 children, grandchildren and great grandchildren still living at that time.

Daughter Elizabeth married Gerrit Blauvelt in the Tappan Church on September 8, 1754. She died February 5, 1826. They baptized children Elizabeth, Johannis, Joseph and Abraham in the Tappan Church over the following 15 years.

Son Petrus married Maria Bell on August 18, 1762. They had the following two children:

- Johannis, born March 10, baptized at Tappan March 20, 1763.
- Lea, baptized at the New York Reformed Church on March 5, 1766

Maria Bell then died and was buried in the New York Churchyard on January 1, 1769, and on December 21, 1769, Peter married second Sarah Boyd in the same church. Peter died February 18, 1823, and Sarah died November 17, 1821. Both are buried in the North Schraalenburgh Churchyard in Dumont, NJ. Peter and Sarah had the following 5 children:

- Peter, born February 5, 1771
- Casper, born March 25, 1776
- Sarah, born 1777, baptized January 23, 1780
- Twins Samuel and Frederick, baptized February 5, 1782.

Daughter Ann married Henry Sickles on October 13, 1762. They baptized a daughter Elizabeth in the New York Church on January 22, 1764.

There is quite a bit of confusion concerning daughter Susanna. We know that the only child of this name baptized by John and Susanna Mabie was born in 1739. And we also know that their daughter Susanna

married Cornelius C. Smith before 1775 and that they had 6 children between 1775 and 1798: Maria; two sons named Johannes; Cornelius; Susannah; and Vrouwtje. Clearly, a woman born in 1739 did not continue to have children until 1798. Moreover, according to her tombstone, Susanna died 5/19/1848 at age 96 years, 6 months and 10 days. Thus, we conclude the daughter born in 1739 died in childhood and that John and Susanna Mabie had a second daughter named Susanna, apparently born in the 1752 – 1753 time frame.

Son Casparus married Lea Edwards before 1766 and they baptized 10 children:

- David, born May 1, baptized May 25, 1766
- Elizabeth, born January 23, baptized February 14, 1768
- Abraham, born April 29, baptized May 27, 1770.
- Susanna, born March 26, baptized April 19, 1772
- Rachel, born December 17, 1775, baptized January 7, 1776
- Ann, born June 22, baptized May 17, 1778
- Casparus, born March 1, baptized March 25, 1781
- Lea, born October 8, baptized November 2, 1783
- Johannes, born September 30, baptized October 30, 1785.
- Leah, born May 23, baptized June 14, 1789.

The Will of Casparus was dated October 23, 1815 and proved in New York City on March 22, 1816.

Daughter Effye married Thomas Blanch before 1763. They baptized 12 children over the next 23 years: Klaesye, Antye, Richard, Susannah, Johannes, Thomas,

Isaac, Elizabeth, Cornelia, Affye, Leah and Rachel.

There are no further records of daughters Hester and Christina or sons Johannes and Jeremiah.

Son Frederick married Sarah Morris on September 3, 1780 in the New York Dutch Church. Sarah died apparently childless and Frederick married second Anna Banta in the same church on March 25, 1784. Frederick and Anna baptized:

- Jacob on February 6, 1785
- Susannah on December 9, 1787
- Sarah on November 29, 1789

The Will of Frederick was dated October 4, 1831 and proved in Kings County on January 8, 1833.

Coming Up Next

In the next several Communicators, we will continue with the descendants of Caspar Mabie's sons, based on the latest research. We hope to begin discussing family members who served during the War of 1812, as well as the time periods immediate before and after that war, in another year or so.

Obituaries

Florence A. Mabey (The mother of John E. Mabey, Maybee Society member 319):

Florence A. Mabey, age 95, passed away on Monday, February 4, 2013 at Williamstown Commons (in Williamtown, Massachusetts), where she resided for the last two years.

Born in Stamford, Conn. on November 27, 1917, she was daughter of the late Martin and Elsie Eisner Jensen. Florence graduated from Bellevue Hospital School of Nursing

in New York City. She married and her first son was born. She later married Newman H. Mabey and two more sons were born into the family. Florence dedicated the remainder of her life to home and motherhood. The family lived in South Bethlehem, N.Y. for over 40 years. In 2000, Florence and Newman moved to Michigan to be near family. After her husband passed away in 2002, Florence moved to Williamstown to live with her son and daughter-in-law, Gregg and Debbie. Florence was a member of the Red Hat Society, and enjoyed visiting Saratoga. She was an accomplished knitter and enjoyed knitting baby caps for the newborns in the local hospitals. Florence is survived by her three sons, Joseph (Debbie) Jensen, John (Christine) Mabey and Gregg (Debbie) Mabey; siblings, Ruth Larson and Martin "Bobby" Jensen; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and cousins.

(online from timesunion.com, Albany NY, February 7, 2013)

Myra Ruth Webster (The aunt of Barb Kineke, Maybee Society member 269):

Cherry Valley – Myra Ruth Webster, 91, passed away Friday, April 26, 2013 at the Otsego Manor peacefully, under their wonderful care.

She was born April 1, 1922 in South Valley, the daughter of Elmer Herbert Mabie and Mary Washington Shillito Mabie. She was married to James Lawrence Webster Sr. on August 6, 1945. On December 21, 1930 she joined the First Christian Church, South Valley. She attended a one-room school house in South Valley through 8th grade, and graduated from Cherry Valley Central School June 1940. She was a full time homemaker. She loved the outdoors, gardening, mowing

lawn, cooking, baking and feeding the birds.

Survivors include her children Suzanne (Jack) Tompson of Cherry Valley, James (Lori Solis) Webster Jr. of Austin Texas, David Webster of Princess Anne, Maryland, and Rebecca Lofstrom of Fort Plain, six grandchildren: Michael (Kim) Clapper, Ronald (Jennifer) Clapper, Matthew J. and Madeline Webster, Miranda and Sarena Webster, 3 step grandchildren: Kerry (Harry) Connal, Aaron Lofstrom, Caleb (Jessica) Lofstrom, 6 great grandchildren, Jacob, Katerna, Arwen, and Nova Clapper, Riley and Lily Clapper, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband James, her brothers George, Herbert, Frank, and Frederick Mabie, sister Luella Brodie, and her son-in-law Roger Lofstrom.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 11 AM in the First Christian Church, South Valley. Burial will follow in the South Valley Cemetery.

We Plan and the Gods Laugh

The site for the next Maybee Society sponsored family reunion will be the Mabee Farm with its newly completed Franchere Education Center in Rotterdam Junction, NY. The reunion is tentatively planned for the month of July in 2015. That is over two years off, so plan to attend. We will attempt to coordinate scheduling with Barb Kineke of the annual South Valley reunion.

Dues

Many of you have kept up to date on your dues – Thank You. For those who haven't,

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. Please note that no new orders for the hard copy version are being accepted. All dues should be sent to our Treasurer, Ann Christmann at the address below. Checks should be made payable to Ann, NOT to the Maybee Society.

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A Closing Note from Steve:

This edition of the Communicator was purposely delayed by a couple of weeks so that an article on the new painting of the Mabee Farm could be included. Nancy and I were thrilled to be invited by the SCHS to attend the “sneak peek” unveiling of the painting on April 23rd.

The Mabee Farm



Painting by L. F. Tantillo; Image provided by L. F. Tantillo

On April 23rd, the Schenectady County Historical Society held a “sneak peek” unveiling of the painting “The Mabee Farm” by the noted historical artist Len F. Tantillo. This private unveiling also honored some of the donors who made the painting possible, including Maybee Society members Tim and Heather Mabee, Stephen and Nancy Mabie, and Kim and Gary Mabee. See The President’s Corner for a more complete listing of the donors. For clarity, this painting is a gift from the donors to the Schenectady County Historical Society.

The public unveiling is scheduled for May 4th at 2:00 PM in the George Franchere Education Center at the Mabee Farm Historic Site, where the painting will remain on display. Prints of the painting will be offered for sale through the Gift Shop located in the Franchere Education Center. Contact Pat Barrot at the Mabee Farm for details.

The painting depicts the farm on a typical day in the month of May 1800. You may be wondering about the unusual plow in the foreground. This is a Mohawk Valley Dutch Plow, one of which is on display at The Farmers’ Museum in Cooperstown, NY.

The Maybee Society has made an exception to our policy and printed this page in color so that all readers can better appreciate the painting. We hope you get the opportunity to enjoy the original on a visit to the Mabee Farm Historic Site.