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The President's Corner

Dear Cousins,

We all have a beautiful summer to look forward to. I have lots of company coming and going, and fun activities and projects on my mind.

The one I wanted to talk to you all about this quarter are some of those families related to the Jan Mabee through marriage. Since Gary and I live in close proximity to the original Jan Mabee house and Schenectady, I see several articles in the Gazette and Times Union that touch off my brain!

This time I'll discuss the Slingerland Family. There have been a couple articles in the last 6 months about the Slingerland Family Burial Vault (owned by the town) down in the hamlet of Slingerland in the town of Bethlehem. As you know, Jan and Anna's oldest daughter Aechtje married Cornelius Slingerland and they had several children. There were 3 articles in the Times Union in January and April about it. Here are the links to read and see lots of great pictures!

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slingerlands_New_York

<https://sites.google.com/view/SlingerlandVault/home>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsOfTheSlingerlandFamilyBurialVault/about/>

<https://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Saving-the-Slingerland-vault-12473892.php>
<https://www.timesunion.com/7dayarchive/article/Slingerland-family-burial-vault-moving-toward-12801484.php>

<https://old.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=2205023>

John I. Slingerland was a NY Congressman and Assemblyman and a leader in the anti-slave movement. Both the Bradt Family and Holland Society had information about this in their latest newsletters. If any of you are also Slingerland descendants like my husband, then perhaps you should consider contacting them and donating your 2 cents and dollars!?

Also, if any of you have an interest in the musical *Hamilton* (Alexander Hamilton

was married to Elizabeth Schuyler), you might want to know that Len Tantillo has painted a new picture of the Schuyler house (where the Hamiltons lived) and he is selling the prints. The NY state historic site, which owns the Albany Schuyler house, is giving tours specifically tailored to *Hamilton*. Unfortunately they only book 11 people at a time for tours, twice a week, and have a long waiting list.

Have a fun summer.

Kim Mabee
President

Research Update

By Steve Mabee
Vice-President

Harriet A. Maby, MS #1168

Many thanks to Edward Maby (MS #75) for keeping me abreast of his research. Thanks to Edward, we are now able to add another branch to our family tree.

First some background. Harriet A. Maby was born April 3, 1842, the daughter of Jacob Maby and his first wife, Margaret Peterson. Much of what we know about the family of Jacob Maby comes from a War of 1812 Widow's Pension Request submitted by his second wife, Frances Ann Doughty. The Pension Request included a detailed family record documenting the births of all of Jacob's children from both of his marriages.

Aside from the mention of her birth in the family record, the only other fact about Harriett that we knew was from an adult baptism from May 1839 found in the records of the Methodist Society of New York City. The baptism record also confirmed Harriett's date of birth.

Edward has been searching for Harriet for some time, until recently with no success. But his perseverance finally paid off, and he found a record on Family Search that a Harriet Maby had married a William H. S. Werrey and they had a son named Edward Werrey, born in the early 1850s. This was significant because Edward Werrey was a witness to the Will of John Peterson Maby, a son of Jacob Maby and Margaret Peterson (and Edward Maby's great-great grandfather).

With this head start, I found three interesting records (also on Family Search). The first was the enumeration of the family in the 1855 New York State Census, with William H. S. Werrey, age 40, wife Harriet, age 33, and three young sons, William (age 12), Henry (age 4) and Edward (age 2). Next was a November 21, 1866 marriage record for William H. S. Werrey and Sarah M. Platt. Finally, a Kings County (NY) Surrogate Court Record for the deceased husband of Sarah Werrey. From this record, William H. S. Werrey died February 3, 1875 leaving his widow and two children, Edward Werrey "of full age" and Thomas Werrey, a minor child aged 15.

This, in turn, led me to search the historic newspapers on the web site GenealogyBank.com, where I found two obits which completed the picture. The first was the obit for Harriet Werrey, age 43, wife of William H. S. Werrey. This obit appeared in both the New York Herald and the New York Tribune of December 15, 1865. Harriet died December 13, 1865 "after a lingering illness." Then I found the obit that resolved all ambiguity in the New York Tribune of April 18, 1857:

"On Friday morning, April 17, after a protracted illness, William Werrey, eldest

son of William H. S. and Harriet A. Werrey, and grandson of Jacob Maby, aged 14 years and 3 months.” (Italics added)

Thus, we now have proof that Harriet A. Maby, the daughter of Jacob Maby and Margaret Peterson, married William H. S. Werrey, and they were survived by a son Edward Werrey. For the record, the other son, Thomas Werrey, died July 6, 1878, age 19.

Switching Gears Again

In the last edition, we discussed a few Maybee families in North America who are NOT descended from Pieter Casparszen van Naerden. It is worth noting that there are also a couple of families who have branches that are often confused with our Mabie Family.

First, there is the Mab or Mabb Family which originated in Schenectady. When Jonathan Pearson was researching his *First Families of Schenectady* he became hopelessly confused by the existence of this family.

As it happens, the Mabb Family started when Thomas Mabb married Sarah Cooper on September 30, 1730 in the New York City Reformed Dutch Church, and shortly thereafter they moved to Schenectady, where Jan Mabee and his family had been living for several decades. The confusion started when the name Mabb was written in the New York Dutch record book as “Maebby”. The confusion continued in the Schenectady Dutch Church when Thomas and Sarah baptized three children over the next few years: daughter Margaret on 3/12/1732; Johannes on 8/18/1734; and Robert on 12/25/1736. In all three cases, the father’s surname was spelled Mebi or Meebi. On June 28, 1746, Thomas Meebee

was killed by a Native American raiding party. As time went on and more attention was paid to correct spelling, the descendants of Thomas and Sarah all used either Mabb or Mab, with the exception of one small family group. The family of Thomas Mabee of Perth, Fulton County, NY (in the 1850 census) is the one example of a descendant of Thomas and Sarah who adopted the Mabee spelling.

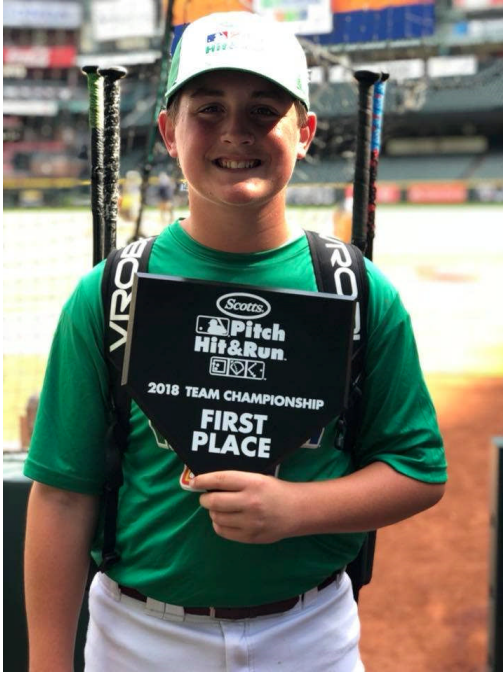
A second family sometimes confused with ours is the Mabe Family. This family originated in Stokes County, North Carolina in the mid-1700s with a man named John Mabe. His descendants spread through the Southern US states just as our family spread through the Northern states, with the first instance of both families living in the same state was in the 1850 census when both are found in Indiana.

I have found no instance where a member of the Mabe Family used a different spelling, but the pronunciation of their surname varies, with some using a may-be pronunciation.

An Update

You might recall that at this time last summer, I was bragging about the accomplishments of our grandson, Jacob Mabie, as he led his team through the playoffs leading to the Little League World Series. Unfortunately, his team from Brenham, Texas, ran into a buzz saw of a team from Lufkin, Texas that eventually won the US Championship before losing in the final to Japan.

Well, this summer Jacob has added to his resume.



Every one of the 30 Major League Baseball teams is staging a competition called Pitch, Hit & Run, and Jacob won the Houston Astros competition for boys ages 13 and 14. On July 2nd we will find out if he qualifies for the finals which will be held at the baseball All Star game in Washington, DC. Only the top three (of thirty) boys will qualify.

Remembering Our Ancestors

On May 4, 2018, the the 364th anniversary of the date that Pieter Casparszen and



Barent Kool were sworn in as the official wine and beer carriers for Niew Amsterdam, Susan Godlewski, a descendant of Pieter Casparszen and Karen Wolzanski, a descendant of Barent Kool raised a glass in honor of our ancestors.

Annual South Valley Reunion

The South Valley Branch of the Mabie Family (descendants of William and Sophia Mabie) announces the 94th Annual Mabie Reunion.

WHEN: JULY 8, 2018

WHERE: Roy and Janine Dykeman's home, Fultonville, NY

TIME: 1:00 PM Family Pictures

taken.....1:30 PM Meal

BRING: A dish for the food buffet, your own beverage & table service

If you have old pictures to share please bring them along with stories from the past that you want to share.

Last year it was suggested that we raffle off some baskets of goodies. The consensus was that it was a good idea, a slip was sent around and some of you signed up to bring a basket to be raffled off.

If you have any updates on your family such as births, deaths, marriages, graduations, or military news please e-mail them to Barb at

micknbarb1980@yahoo.com or mail to Barb Kineke, 801 Robinson Road, Mohawk, N.Y. 13407. You can find her on Facebook under Barb Brodie Kineke. If you cannot make it but would like to send greetings e-mail them to Mary Lou at davenloul968@yahoo.com or snail mail to Mary Lou Bach 21408 Star Route,

Meadville, PA. 16335 or send to Barb as listed above.

DIRECTIONS: 286 Ingersoll Road, Fultonville, NY 12072. Take the Fonda exit from the Thruway, take 30A south and Ingersoll Road is on the right before you get to the village of Glen.

Obituaries

James O. Schuyler (MS #19), July 9, 1924 – April 2, 2018.

James, who also went by Jim and as a boy, Jimmy, was born and raised in Whittier California. His father, Harry A. Schuyler, managed a citrus operation for the Leffingwell Company. Jim's mother, Edith Owen Schuyler, was a homemaker and involved in many women's groups in Whittier.

Jim attended UC Berkeley, where he majored in electrical engineering, graduating in 1948. His time in college was interrupted by World War II. Jim enlisted in the army and was placed in the army's Specialized Training Program which saw him and a small group of "fair haired boys" sent to colleges across the western states. When he was finally shipped out, it was to the Pacific Theater, where he spent time in New Guinea and the Philippines. Back to Berkeley after the war, he met his future love and wife – Leose Brown, also from a citrus ranch in southern California. Jim was in the Psi Upsilon fraternity while Leose was in the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. They first met on a blind date and married on September 10, 1948 after they had both graduated.

Jim and Leose first settled in La Selva Beach California, where he worked at Moss Landing in the drafting room. When he was hired by PG&E in 1950 he moved the

family to San Carlos. In 1955 the Pacific Gas & Electric Company sent him back to Chicago to study nuclear engineering at the Argonne Laboratory for a couple of years. In 1980, Jim was made PG&E's first VP of Nuclear Engineering. He oversaw the nuclear management team and was involved with nuclear projects at Humboldt Bay and Diablo Canyon.

Jim's abiding passions were genealogy, backpacking and fly fishing. His mother first introduced him to the family tree and the great puzzle of finding out about one's family's history. It was not until the 1970's that he was able to seriously start researching both the Schuyler line and his mother's Owen family and all the collateral branches of his family. Both Leose and Jim became active genealogist's and traveled not only to The Family History Library in Salt Lake City, but took trips back to New York, Michigan and abroad to England, Wales and Ireland to research church records and wander through many a graveyard.

Jim was a dedicated member of the San Francisco Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, the Jamestowne Society and the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati, and a long-time member of the Mayflower Society and the California Genealogical Society (past president) as well.

Jim's family camped when he was growing up, so his love of the outdoors started early. Jim continued that tradition with his own family. He not only planned family car camping trips each summer but also planned backpack trips with a group of friends including his son, John, his best friend Vic Kaste and his brother-in-law Grant Brown. They headed for the Sierra's with heavy packs, fishing poles and light

hearts. He also took his children on backpack trips into the Desolation Wilderness area. With his son, John, he hiked the entire John Muir Trail over five summers. Jim loved to fly fish and he passed that love on to his son. The mountains fed Jim's soul.

Jim was a member of the Church of Epiphany in San Carlos for over 60 years. He served as Senior Warden three times. You could always find him at the 8:00 a.m. service Sunday mornings with all the other early attendees.

Jim was smart, quirky, a consummate engineer and a devoted husband, a kind and loving father and a generous grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Leose, his three children Susan (Jack) Marquis, Barbara (Dave Brown) Hebda, John (Priscila Franco) Schuyler and his grandchildren Elyce, Tom, Stephen and Mark, as well as his great grandchildren, Moira, Esmée, Fiona and Zelda. He is also survived by his sister, Jane Hornung of Visalia and 1 niece, 2 nephews, 1 great-niece & 3 great-nephews.

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Clayton Kwai Jung Chee (MS #22)
October 29, 1958 - March 11, 2014

Clayton Kwai Jung Chee, 55, of Waimanalo died in Kailua. He was born in Honolulu. He is survived by sons Ambrose K.K., Azra K.H. and Ainsley M.N.; daughter Aspen C.L.P.; brothers Clinton K.S., Clifford D.Y. Jr.; Colin K.M. and Curtis K.K.W.; and a grandchild.

Dues

The officers of the Maybee Society would like to make clear that the payment of dues,

while greatly appreciated, is not required to maintain good standing as members.

Specifically, we understand that some of our members are senior citizens living on fixed incomes, and we do not want anyone who cannot afford it to feel obligated.

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. Checks should be made payable to Ann, NOT to the Maybee Society.

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