

FAMILY NOTES

THE HUBBELL FAMILY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Incorporated in Missouri

September 1982

Reunion & Luncheon at "Hubbell House", Minnesota

On September 15, 1981 an enthusiastic group of Hubbells and Hubbell descendants met for a first reunion meeting and luncheon at Mantorville, Minnesota.

The meeting and luncheon were held in a very appropriate place — Hubbell House! It's one of Minnesota's historic spots as well as a first-class restaurant run by Paul Pappas and his sister Mary Jane Ondrick.

On a clear and warm September day, 52 of us — Hubbells, spouses and some children — met at nine in the morning at Hubbell House. We started off in an excited frame of mind, greeting each other, many of whom we recognized from photographs in the new family history book.

As expected, those attending the meeting were principally "Senior" family members. However, Mrs. Swanson of Minnesota brought along young nieces to grace the meeting. We

were also fortunate to have very youthful Hubbells like Mary Katherine and Mary Jeanne, daughters of John G. and "Punkin" Hubbell of Minneapolis. John is well-known Roving Editor for *The Reader's Digest*. There were also other "younger" Hubbells like JoAnn Elizabeth Hubbell and her sister Debra Stockfleth, Christina Hubbell Small, and Chuck and Robin Hubbell. Lydia Carter, daughter of Rosemary Wirkus came all the way from Alaska to attend. Her parents came from Miami in their camper. We all feel that the prospects are very good for future and continuing Hubbell family reunions!

Suggestions to determine the identity of the oldest Hubbell descendant present that day at Mantorville were voted down quickly!

We were particularly happy to have a contingent of Canadian Hubbells with us. The ancestor Hubbells of Glen A.

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Society formed . . .

On March 5, 1982 The Hubbell Family Historical Society came into existence! The Articles of Incorporation were filed in Missouri.

The principal purposes of the Society are to encourage close association among descendants of Richard Hubball, our immigrant ancestor, to preserve family records as well as valuable family keepsakes and heirlooms, to maintain an accurate genealogy of all Hubbells and, of course, to provide for biennial family reunions.

The Incorporators were Ernest, Donald and Harold Hubbell. The first Board of Directors was named in the Articles of Incorporation consisting of the Incorporators and Fred C. Hubbell, James W. Hubbell Jr., Charles H. Hubbell, Beryl (Mrs. Glen) Hubbell, John C. Hubbell, Kenneth O. Hubbell, Rosemary Hubbell Wirkus, Lillian L. Hubbell, Phyllis Hubbell-Holbrook, John G. Hubbell and Jean (Mrs. Lyle) Peterson. They will serve until the 1983 meeting when they may be reelected or replaced.

The Board of Directors elected Officers of the Society to serve until 1983 when they too may be re-elected or replaced: President Ernest Hubbell, Vice President Fred Hubbell, Recording Secretary Rosemary Wirkus, Corresponding Secretary Phyllis Hubbell-Holbrook, Treasurer Harold Hubbell.

By-Laws for the Society were adopted by the Directors. They set out the organization of the Society and describe important Committees and their areas of responsibility. A Genealogical Committee, an Historical Committee, Publications Committee and Library Committee are some of the most important. Other necessary duties will be handled by Program, Advertising, Nomination Committees! Certainly, members of the Society will find an activity that appeals to

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Reunion and Luncheon

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and Ezra Neil from Thamesville Ontario had left Connecticut for Canada during the Revolutionary War — so long ago that no hard feelings were expressed over George III!

Some of us stayed in hotels in Rochester, about 20 minutes drive from Mantorville thru fields of waving corn. Others found accommodations nearer Hubbell House. The Wirkus parked their trailer at a nearby camp and enjoyed the conveniences of home-away-from-home.

The meeting was planned for members of the family who had participated in the preparation of the new edition of the family book. Everyone wanted to meet and get to know other members of their family branch. It was also intended to set up a family organization to schedule future family reunions and to collect and preserve family records, keepsakes and memorabilia which are so often thrown away by succeeding and unknowing descendants.

The idea for a meeting came from Donald Hubbell. He has been keen about forming a family organization because he wants to be sure that all our family records are preserved in good order for coming generations. He also thinks it will make the job of preparing a new family book someday a lot easier. We all felt that records of our family's doings should be preserved for future study, and for the inspiration of other members of the family.

Harold and Donald Hubbell called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM. Rosemary Hubbell Wirkus kindly agreed to keep minutes of the meeting.

There was a lot of discussion about what name to give our proposed family organization. There was an equal amount of time spent discussing what activities should be undertaken. Everyone felt that a wide variety of projects would appeal to members of the family. Everyone also believed strongly that a regular newsletter telling about family doings was very important!

Lillian Hubbell nominated Ernest Hubbell, a prominent lawyer of Kansas City, Missouri, and he was enthusiastically elected first president of the proposed new society. We are very fortunate to have such outstanding and qualified leadership at the outset!

Before adjourning for luncheon,

Rosemary Wirkus presented Harold and Donald each with a valuable Indian hand-made bead of the kind used at the Hubbell Trading Post in Ganada Arizona, in dealings with Navajo Indians years ago. The awarding of the "Order of the Bead" brought applause and amusement, and expressions of appreciation from the recipients!

At luncheon, Paul Pappas and Mary Jane Ondrick were introduced. In appreciation of their keen interest and hard work to make this meeting an enjoyable and successful event they were made Honorary Members of the Hubbell family society by acclamation.

Irene Stussy Felker, resident of Mantorville, whose father had been influential in saving Hubbell House from possible demolition years ago, was also made an Honorary Member. She had been responsible for efforts to restore the building, and its subsequent conversion to an outstanding restaurant.

Paul Pappas called attention to the wooden slats, or planks, of which the sidewalks are made in the center part of Mantorville. Each plank has carved on it the name and home state of each donor to the program to construct this unusual sidewalk in the style of long ago. Mr. Pappas announced that in commemoration of our historic family reunion he would undertake to have made and installed around Hubbell House similar boards bearing names of those who were in attendance — carved for posterity. Anyone who was present and wants to share in this unique and generous offer of Mr. Pappas, should send a postcard with his name as he wants it to appear to Mrs. Wirkus, c/o the Society, for prompt forwarding to Paul.

By the time we finished luncheon the restaurant staff was fidgeting anxiously to clean up for their dinner clientele. We then assembled outside Hubbell House for group photographs and to talk with reporters. They did a great job for us, as stories and pictures of the reunion appeared in many area newspapers during the following week!

A local fair and flea market attracted our attention for a while during the afternoon, after which we watched a festive parade commemorating Mantorville's annual Marigold festival.

By now, most of us had made good friends of our fellow "relatives". A few tarried for a day or so longer after the

meeting, still enjoying interesting historical and cultural buildings around Mantorville. It was with some tears but many good wishes that leaves were taken — and thoughts set ahead to reunion in 1983.

Those attending the reunion who signed the register were Glen and Beryl Hubbell of Canada, Chuck and Robin Hubbell of Minneapolis, Elmer Hubbell of Kansas with daughters Myrna Kepford of Texas and Bonnie Simms of Colorado, Ernest and Nevah Hubbell of Missouri, Esther (Mrs. Robert N.) Hubbell of Rochester Minnesota with daughters Jo Ann Elizabeth and Debra Stockfleth, Neil and Mary Hubbell of Canada, Harlin and Ruth Hubbell of Ohio, Lillian Hubbell of St. Louis, Donald C. and Elsie Hubbell of Florida, Rev. Clarence Lee and Thelma Hubbell of Chicago, Kenneth O. and Bernice Hubbell of Nebraska, John C. Hubbell of Wisconsin, John G. and "Punkin" Hubbell of Minneapolis with daughters Mary Jeanne and Mary Katherine, Donald and Helen Hubbell of Arkansas, Harold and Francine Hubbell of Connecticut, Rosella Hubbell Hansen of Washington with sister Fara Hubbell Heglar of Spokane, Phyllis Hubbell-Holbrook of Oregon, Rosemary Hubbell Wirkus and Leonard of Florida with daughter Lydia Carter of Alaska, Helen Hubbell Shaver and Clarence of Washington, Christina Hubbell Small of Minnesota, Eleanor Hubbell Stone and Bernard of Washington, Dick and Verlie Kent of Pennsylvania, Lyle and Jean Peterson of Iowa, Henry and Louise Swanson of Minnesota with family Alice Giblin, Judi Pilgrim and Jeanne Sutton of Minnesota.

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Distributed to members of The Hubbell Family Historical Society.

President & Chairman Ernest Hubbell
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Recording Secretary Rosemary Hubbell Wirkus
Corresponding Secretary ... Phyllis Hubbell-Holbrook
Treasurer Harold B. Hubbell

The Hubbell Family Historical Society invites membership from descendants of Richard Hubball of England and New Haven Colony, Connecticut, from all persons interested in genealogy and family history and from organizations supporting such activities.

Annual dues are \$15. Membership-reunion meetings are held every two years.

For information, write the Society c/o 106 West 14th Street, 25th Floor, Kansas City, Missouri 64105-1992.

Editor *Pro tem* Harold B. Hubbell

Attention State Representatives . . .

This corner of the newsletter is intended for State Representatives, but it will no doubt be of interest to all Hubbells! Each state has or will have a Hubbell Representative, an advisor and coordinator of the Hubbell affairs relevant to the Society. Representatives may aid individual Hubbells with their family lines, gather and store historical data, etc. If the State Representative cannot untangle a family line, he will know who can. Each individual should do his own researching, and I am sure this will be very enjoyable work! Expert guidance is available to all — from me, or others equally knowledgeable in genealogy and records searching.

We urge all members of the Society to contact their State Representative and offer whole-hearted assistance (this may cause him or her to have a heart attack, but it will be worth taking the chance). It would also be nice to include a self-addressed stamped envelope when corresponding, because the stamps that were distributed will not go very far! There are about 3000 Hubbells to be contacted on the first go-around. Most have not yet joined the Society.

There are a few states that do not yet have a family Representative (see below). Will someone from each of these states please volunteer? So we can all get started at the same time! Even if your state has been taken, let me know of your interest, as there will undoubtedly be resignations.

By now each State Representative will have received a comprehensive "kit" with instructions for its use. If it hasn't been received, please notify me at once! I have re-read the instructions and find them to be reasonably complete, despite brevity and rough edges. If you are confused, or uncertain, just write me. Start with your own line, and put it in order. Then strike out for the others in your area!

History is what this is all about — documented facts, and history will have it no other way. You must eliminate the words impatience and discouragement from your vocabulary! New telephone books appear regularly, so now would be a good time to canvass a library or the telephone company for those in your

state, and check out Hubbells. Remember, help is at hand — just ask me for it!

Here are the State Representatives who have volunteered so far:

Alabama — vacant
 Alaska — Lydia Wirkus Carter, POB 947,
 Anchorage 99510
 Arizona — vacant
 Arkansas — Donald S. Hubbell Jr., Box 141,
 Henderson 72544
 California — Dennis M. Hubbell, 6651 Bell Bluff Ave.,
 San Diego 92119
 Colorado — Robert N. Hubbell, POB 687,
 Canon City 81212
 Connecticut — George T. Hubbell, POB 925,
 Madison 06443
 Delaware — see Maryland
 District of Columbia — vacant
 Florida — David H. Hubbell, 4700 NW 19th Pl.,
 Gainesville 32605
 Georgia — vacant
 Hawaii — vacant
 Idaho — Lewis Hubbell, 907½ Robertson St., Buhl 83316
 Illinois — Betty J. Chapman, 119 St. James La.,
 Cahokia 62206
 Indiana — Iva R. Hubbell, Box 267, Jasonville 47438
 Iowa — James W. Hubbell Jr., 1401 Casady Dr.,
 Des Moines 50315
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 Kentucky — vacant
 Louisiana — William L. Hubbell, 1652 Richmond Ave.,
 Baton Rouge 70808
 Maine — vacant
 Maryland — Lester E. Hubbell, 5306 Camberly Ave.,
 Bethesda 20014
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 Biloxi 39530
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 St. Louis 63108
 Montana — William S. Hubbell, Box 1044, Malta 59538
 Nebraska — Kenneth O. Hubble, 3131 Alden Ave.,
 Lincoln 68502
 Nevada — Lawrence L. Hubbell, 900 W. 5th St.,
 Fallon 89406
 New Hampshire — vacant
 New Jersey — Barbara Hubbell Winder, 602 Blanchard
 Pkwy., W. Allenhurst 07711
 New Mexico — Elizabeth E. Hubbell, 2542 S. Espina,
 Las Cruces 88001
 New York — vacant
 North Carolina — vacant
 North Dakota — see South Dakota
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 Mansfield 44904
 Oklahoma — Jessie Skaggs, Box 44, Perkins 74059
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 Eugene 97405
 Pennsylvania — Anne Hubbell Evanoff, 532 Colorado Dr.,
 Erie 16503
 Rhode Island — vacant
 South Carolina — Richard B. Hubbell, 5 Heyward Pl.,
 Hilton Head Island 27703
 South Dakota — Grace A. Hubbell, General Delivery,
 Winfred 57076
 Tennessee — vacant
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 Alexandria 22312
 Washington — Rosella Hubbell Hansen, Box 482,
 Colville 99114
 West Virginia — vacant
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 Kewaskum 53040
 Wyoming — Rex G. Hubbell, Lovell 82431
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— from Donald S. Hubbell

About Genealogies . .

As a Hubbell from way back — matter of fact, I was born one — I'm interested in genealogies, especially the Hubbell genealogy. I'm a member of the clan. But, still, sometimes I ask myself just how much of the "blood" of the first American Hubbell, Richard Hubbell, or of the more ancient ancestor, Hugh/Hugo Hubald, named in the Domesday Book census of William the Conqueror (A.D. 1086), have I inherited? To what extent am I a pure "Hubbell"? And I smile.

Take Richard Hubbell. He was son of his Hubball father, but equally of his non-Hubball mother. So even he is only one-half pure. How much of Hugh Hubald's "blood" ran in Richard Hubball's veins? I put "blood" in quotations since the more precise term would be: "the genetic inheritance," the "genes." Let's explore the matter.

A given Hubbell starts with a Hubbell father and a non-Hubbell mother. His father in turn has a Hubbell father and a non-Hubbell mother; his own mother is of course pure non-Hubbell, assuming no intermarriage of cousins.

Taking this back in time and using "H" and "n-H" for Hubbell and non-Hubbell, let's see what happens. (By the way, for the mathematically minded, it's all similar to exponential growth, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, and so forth.)

The parent generation is: H/n-H; the grandparent is H/n-H; n-H, n-H; the great grandparent is H/n-H, n-H, n-H; n-H, n-H, n-H, n-H. For only four generations back the pattern is H/n-H, n-H, n-H, n-H, n-H, n-H, n-H; n-H, n-H, n-H, n-H, n-H, n-H: one Hubbell against fifteen non-Hubbells — one part in two to the fourth power.

For ten generations back the result is one part "pure Hubbell" against one thousand twenty-three non-Hubbell ancestors. (The 2s have doubled to make 1,024.) Taking the convention of three generations per century, going back from 1981, the year 1641 would give us about ten or eleven generations. If actually eleven the result is one part pure Hubbell/2 thousand and forty seven parts non-Hubbell! Not very much of the genuine stuff, is there?

But let's carry it back to Hugh Hubald, A.D. 1086. From 1981 to 1081 would be 900 years, at least nine times

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Projects . . .

Family members will be pleased to know that a Supplement to the 1980 (3rd edition) family history is on the minds of quite a few persons. Like the earlier volume, the proposed supplement would probably be printed in a limited quantity for distribution to members of the family who express an interest by responding to a circular.

The Editors have already received much new family data. Some of these notes have helped to place hitherto "unclassified" lines. New generations have been introduced. Other data expands on known lines, adds new information about existing/contemporary family members.

Responding to suggestions of family members, the Editors have tentatively planned to include new biographical material on Hubbells who were not written up in the 1980 edition. The Editors recognized also the existence of "rough spots" which were not polished out in the "Addenda & Errata" volume of 1981. So, when correcting material has been received, modifications can be made to existing data in an effort to see that all family members own as accurate a record of Hubbells as possible!

The By-Laws of the Society provide for periodic review and updating of family genealogical material by a standing Committee. Preparation of the Supplement would be in keeping with those plans. Area Representatives may be asked to contact members whose lines are now incomplete. These and other measures to be taken should ensure a useful volume. It is expected that a pre-publication offer will be extended to members of the Society when full plans have been prepared, and cost estimates are in hand.

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A suggestion for a "family cookbook" has been put forward by Phyllis Hubbell-Holbrook! She thinks there must be many old and favorite Hubbell family recipes for tasty dishes that will be appealing to all of us!

Phyllis has invited fellow Hubbell females to pore over their old family cookbooks for such specialties. Worthy choices should be identified by name of the earliest known Hubbell who prepared the dish, with her (approximate) dates. Contributions are welcome covering the oldest of grandmas

Hubbells delectables to favorite concoctions of enterprising teenage Hubbells!

If you have recipes in your kitchen which you think qualify, write to Phyllis c/o the Society and let her know! If enough interest is shown, the Publications Committee will study to see how a cookbook can be prepared for distribution to members, and at what cost.

President's Notes . . .

I am Ernest Hubbell of Kansas City, Missouri. I am a lawyer, and that is probably why the family elected me at the first reunion and meeting at Mantorville, Minnesota, in September, 1981, to help get the family organization started. I am honored by this election. A lot of work has been devoted to preparing the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws, examining the tax laws, and the other work necessary to complete the incorporation of our Society. We have succeeded in this beginning.

I have worked closely with the authors of the 1980 edition of the *History and Genealogy of the Hubbell Family*, Harold B. Hubbell of Rowayton, Connecticut, and Donald S. Hubbell, Ph.D. of Mountain Home, Arkansas. In view of the monumental work which they have done, it seems to me that all of us have an obligation to help carry out their concept of a family organization that will continue our old and important family's activities and see that we are remembered long after we're gone.

Right now the most important thing for us to do in my opinion is to increase our dues paying membership from its present approximately 154. Soon I will send a letter to approximately 2,000 family members, informing them of our progress and plans, and inviting them to become dues paying members of our Society. You can help by urging other family members to join.

There was a lot of discussion at Mantorville about an appropriate name for our organization. The one finally selected was the result of many suggestions and correspondence. I feel that we chose well. THE HUBBELL FAMILY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

appeals to me, as it did to our organization committee as a name that would express our purposes.

The next most important objective is to set up the vital committees provided for in the By-Laws. These committees will be responsible for seeing to it that you, and all members of the Society, get your dues' worth, and that the work is continued!

All agree that the newsletter is invaluable. Harold has prepared this first effort for the members. We must have a Publications Committee selected very soon to prepare the second issue. I know there are a lot of Hubbells out there who can write, and who would like to take on this job. It's only once a year. And it's so important! Please do write to me and let me know whether you can help on this committee. Please also let me know in what other work you would be interested. Harold will be delighted when I am able to announce to him that a new committee has been formed for this purpose.

There are other areas of our activities which don't involve writing and which are much fun. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a list of the various standing committees that will be formed to look after the family's business. I hope you will write to me and tell me what you think you would like to do and on which committee you would like to serve.

After consulting various family members and obtaining suggestions, we formulated a plan for the September, 1983, First Biennial Family Reunion and Meeting. It has been approved by the Board of Directors. As discussed elsewhere in this newsletter, it will be mid-September, 1983, on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the Bridgeport/Fairfield area of Connecticut. As you doubtless know, this is the area where Richard Hubbell The First settled.

In future years, it is hoped that we can meet in various areas around the country where Hubbells have lived and left their mark. It would be desirable to give all of the family members an opportunity to attend a meeting near at home.

I look forward to hearing from every one of you who has an idea for the improvement of our Society. You may write to me at the Kansas City address given on the masthead of this newsletter.

About Genealogies . . .

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three, or twenty-seven generations. "2" multiplied by itself twenty seven times equals 2^{27} or 134,217,727. This means that I have (suposedly) only one part Hubbell (Hubald) in me, against 134 million, 217 thousand, 7 hundred twenty-seven parts non-Hubbell. So I'm not too pure, am I. How about you?

But this result means our total ancestors in 1086 were about 27 times the total population of England at that time, calculating back on basis of figures from the current World Almanac. (Present world population, 1981, is around 4 billion; population in A.D. 1, shown as 300 million; in 1650 shown as 510 million; 1086 considered as about two-thirds the distance from 1 to 1650, hence the increase of 200 million from 1 to 1650 taken to be about two-thirds from 1 to 1086, or 400 million for the world population at that time.) Think of it: the total Hubbell ancestors being 27 times the total population of England in 1086. Preposterous, isn't it?

What's the explanation? Criss-crossing. Hubbells marrying Hubbell descendants from non-Hubbell genealogical lineages (females were just as genuinely Hubbell, but they became non-Hubbell as to family names when they married). We are all cousins, once removed, and twice, and three times, four times, etc., up to 27 times. The shuffling and re-shuffling of genes makes all of us in America pretty well a mixture of a few very distant ancestors. Particularly if you go back, not just a thousand years, but five or ten thousand — or a hundred thousand.

Well, it's an interesting mental picture of the family of man, exemplified in the family of Hubbell. In what sense can being a Hubbell mean something real? Symbolic and social-cultural. Humans live by symbols as importantly as by crude, objective facts. Identifying as a member of a name-group, a family, can mean a great deal for a man or woman. Functioning, however loosely, as a family group, the Hubbells, is an element of the culture-ways of American society. Besides — I get a kick out of thinking: "I am a Hubbell, part of a worthwhile family network of Hubbells."

Contributed by Clarence Lee Hubbell

Society formed . . .

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them!"Many hands make light work", so a well organized committee won't mean a lot of work for any one member! At the 1983 meeting everyone should feel free to indicate his interest, and look forward to joining a Committee, or seeking nomination for Director or Officer. Lots to do for all!

Our Society is a "not-for-profit organization." That means just that the Society does not have to pay income taxes on dues collected from members. Unfortunately, members' dues are not exempt from personal income tax! The Treasury Department feels, not unreasonably, that our activities are too limited to justify a ruling exempting our dues. However, we should look to the future when we may have a broad scope of interests and activities to justify exemption! For instance, we may create programs of wide appeal, perhaps by contributing to the support of a Library to house family memorabilia. With others such activities we might have a case to present for tax exemption.

Copies of the By Laws of the Society or the Articles of Incorporation may be obtained from Ernest Hubbell at the Society's office in Kansas City. Annual dues are \$15 for individuals and married couples. Checks payable to the Society may be sent to Kansas City or to H. B. Hubbell, Treasurer, 16 Roton Avenue, Rowayton, Connecticut 06853.

Have You Wondered?

There were nine sons of Richard Hubball, our immigrant ancestor, by his three wives. Of these, six lived to maturity and had children. By the fifth generation, the male descendants of John Hubbell Jr, Richard's last son, seem to have died out. We have no record of present-day male descendants of John Jr.

That leaves the following five sons the "prime antecedents" from whom all Hubbells descend: John Sr, Richard, Samuel Sr, Samuel Jr, and James.

Of course, we must not overlook the descendants of Richard's five daughters by his first two wives (he had two sons

only by his third wife). Since they ceased being Hubbells, strictly speaking, in the second generation, we haven't kept records on them. However, in the reference files for the 1980 family history there is quite a bit of data relating to present-day descendants of some of these daughters.

As to the five sons who had heirs, by the eighth generation (when the numbers become a bit cumbersome to handle!) the approximate distribution of male Hubbell descendants among the five sons works out along the following lines: John Sr 9.8%; Richard 50.5%; Samuel Sr 22.1%; Samuel Jr 10.9%; and James 6.5%. These rough calculations may mean something to scientists. To us they show the surprising fact that descendants of our "founding father's" namesake son apparently total more than all the descendants of his other four surviving sons. Curious.

Your Address . . .

Please keep the Membership Committee informed of your changes of address! The Post Office has form cards for this purpose, and they're easy to prepare.

As the Society's activities increase, all family members will undoubtedly want to share in new planning, new publications, expanded genealogies, the newsletter, and so forth. Advices of meetings will go astray if you don't keep your address current!

If you would like to receive another copy of this newsletter, request it from the Kansas City office. If you would like someone to receive a membership to the family Society as a present, send the name and address with \$15 for the 1982-83 year.

Although much energy was expended to be sure addresses are correct, if there is an error, let us know promptly so we can get things straight soon. If you want to be sure someone has been included in our mailings advising of the Society's existence, don't hesitate to call it to our attention. Address all mail on these points to the Society's office in Kansas City.

- The Editor

Book Notes . . .

A new book about Mantorville (and Kasson) Minnesota has been written by Harold Severson who took our photograph at the reunion in 1981. His book contains some notes about the family reunion meeting, lively facts and fotos of the area, including little know items about John B. Hubbell, early settler and builder of "Hubbell House". *A Tale of Two Cities: Kasson & Mantorville, Harold Severson, Rochester Post-Bulletin, Rochester, Minn., 55901, \$15.95 hard cover, \$12.95 soft.*

Someone interested in the Minnesota countryside of Rochester, will find fascinating the excellent

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pictorial study by Dave Wesley and Ivan Kubista. Included are several delightful views of Mantorville and "Hubbell House". *Rochester, City & Countryside, Wesley and Kubista, FarWes Publications, St. Paul, Minn.*

There are eight copies of the *Hubbell History* (3rd edition) left. Write Donald S. Hubbell, 308 W. 6th St., Mountain Home, Ark 72653 if you want one. Price is \$90, including Index, postage paid, for 963 pages of family lore.

The Editor . . .

This first issue of our family newsletter will, I hope, provoke many readers to respond with suggestions for its

improvement! This issue has a lot of "start-up" stuff, but I expect that the next issue, much less of a "business" one, can be devoted to many more topics of family history and biography. BUT, this kind of input must come from you the reader! Accounts of doings of Hubbells from newspaper clippings, school activities, any report of Hubbells, will all be very welcome.

The newsletter should be our family "link", the medium of exchange among us to share notice of our goings and comings. If it's prepared imaginatively it will be a regular source of interesting family events, and of many other stimulating, amusing, pleasant, important, surprising and charming family happenings!



Reunion - 1983

DINNER and BIENNIAL MEETINGS

The 1983 family reunion has been scheduled for September 9-10, 1983. The location will be Fairfield, Connecticut. The actual place to meet is to be decided.

Directors and Officers and everyone interested in Committees or other Society activities should try to arrive by Thursday night (September 8) because business meetings to form committees are planned for Friday. Informal get-together dinners can be planned that evening. On Saturday a tour of interesting Hubbell family sites in the Fairfield vicinity is planned. Saturday evening will feature the biennial reunion dinner, election of Directors and principal Officers. A speaker on a subject of interest is being considered. The reunion officially adjourns Saturday night, but interested members may wish to attend worship services Sunday morning at The United Congregational Church in Bridgeport, the church founded by our earliest Hubbell ancestors.

Notices of the meeting with specific details of times and places, list of motels, etc. will be sent to each member later.