

FAMILY NOTES

THE HUBBELL FAMILY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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1983 Biennial Meeting . . .

The 1983 Biennial Membership Meeting and Reunion Dinner of The Hubbell Family Historical Society was announced in the September, 1982 issue of *Family Notes*. The Program Committee has set up this schedule: on Friday, September 9, 1983 at 9 AM the register of members attending will be open for signature at the First Congregational Church, 148 Beach Avenue, Fairfield, Connecticut. The church has placed meeting rooms at our disposal. Our first business will be to set up committees to plan and carry out the Society's mission and purpose for recording and preserving our family history! Copies of By-Laws will be available for members to study the various activities of the Society — hopefully most everyone will find areas of interest, and will volunteer to serve on a committee or two. All kinds of experience are being sought!

At noon we will break for luncheon. We are hoping that the ladies of the Church will put on a special light luncheon for us. All Hubbells, spouses and children, should try to be there, even if not interested in the business meetings! It will be a splendid opportunity to make the acquaintance of other Hubbells, and to chat with those whom we know a bit about from the family book. There will be a small charge for the luncheon, of course.

Meetings will reconvene at 1:30 and run until 4 PM when the biennial membership meeting will convene. Reports of the Society's Secretaries, the Treasurer, the President, and others will be heard, to cover the Society's first year of existence! The Nominating Committee will offer a slate of Directors and Officers for the years 1983-5. Immediately following the open meeting, the new Directors will meet to confirm the nominations, and to make committee appointments selected earlier. They will cope with other business necessary to put the Society on a firm footing for two years, until 1985!

At about 5 we will adjourn for dinner (supper, in New England!). There are restaurants in the Fairfield area of high and low costs where groups can gather to continue the friendships commenced earlier. Informal gatherings will be the order of the evening.

On Saturday morning at 9 AM, everyone interested in going on the bus tour (reservations are required) will meet in front of the Congregational Church. The tour will start as soon as possible when we will proceed to Guilford to visit the Henry Whitfield home. This large stone manor house, built about 1640 for the leader of a Puritan colony formed there in 1639, is the earliest home of that era still standing in Connecticut. You may want to re-read the part in the family book about Richard Hubball's encounter with Henry Whitfield's bull. After about an hour to tour the fascinating building, and examine its collection of early Connecticut artifacts, we will push on to the famous White Hills of Shelton for our picnic luncheon (*be sure* to bring your own picnic lunch and something to drink!). This area was home to many generations of Hubbells, beginning with Richard (no. 17) who was probably residing there by 1710. We will stop at the old Baptist Church in the Upper White Hills, and, hoping for fair weather, will open our picnic lunches on the grounds of the church, or across the street, in the old orchard of Mrs. Sue Brewster, long-time resident of the White Hills. She will open the church for us. We're hoping that the local historical society will arrange for some of its members to be on hand to tell about the Church's history. In case of rain we will eat in the church.

From the White Hills we will go to Bridgeport for a brief visit to the Stratfield Burying Ground where Richard Hubball, our immigrant ancestor, is buried. There are other early Hubbells resting in the same grounds and undoubtedly everyone will find one or more of his antecedents' gravestones. This is not a well kept area, so don't be too disappointed if it doesn't

measure up to your expectations. If there is time, we will try to make a stop at the United Church of Christ in Bridgeport, the church founded by our earliest antecedents. The story is covered on pages 8-9 of the family book. In the event we don't have time for this last stop, members will certainly wish to do it on their own! Be sure to ask to see Richard Hubbell Jr., silver communion tankard — also written up in the book. Hopefully we will be back in Fairfield by about 4 PM or earlier so that everyone can have a wash and snooze before the Reunion Dinner.

This has been scheduled for 7 PM at a favorite restaurant, Frederick's of Fairfield, 1201 Kings Highway. A Cash Bar will be set up at 6:30. Dinner will be scheduled early enough so that youngsters, those of them who are able to attend (and some of the oldsters too!) may get to bed at a reasonable hour. The Program Committee has asked various members of the family with interesting stories to tell, to speak of their recent accomplishments. We expect that these relatives of ours will give us much of unusual interest, and make us all aware of how varied are the accomplishments, and how wide the interests of Hubbells!

While the official 1983 biennial program ends with the conclusion of this dinner, certainly many of the family will wish to attend Sunday church services at local Congregational churches, or others important to their own branch. The United Church in Bridgeport, mentioned above, the Greenfield Hill Congregational Church, Center Church on the Green in New Haven are all important to our early history as a family in colonial America.

The Program Committee as appointed by the Directors, is comprised of Mrs. Nancy Hubbell Kasyula of Waterbury, Mrs. Rita (Theodore, Jr.) Hubbell of Naugatuck, Mrs. Dorothy Michaelis of Stratford, Miss Deborah Hubbell of Storrs, George T. and Jean Hubbell of Madison, and Harold B. Hubbell of Rowayton.

English Notes . . .

Happenings at the Rock parish church in Worcestershire, England are exciting to most Hubbells! This is the church of the family of Richard Hubball, our immigrant ancestor, for many years before the young man came to Connecticut. Bob Thompson, historian and resident in Rock, supplied interesting notes about our family's relationship to the church, printed in the family book, particularly the Index volume.

I had the good fortune to visit there once again during a business trip to England in December, 1982. Good friends Bob and Joan Thompson collected me at the Worcester railroad station. A short drive brought us to the city center. Bob and I then wandered thru the great mediaeval Worcester Cathedral while Joan shopped for Christmas gifts. We had luncheon in the main hotel, overlooking the cathedral (begun in 1084) and its complex of related buildings, watching shoppers hurry about their happy holiday business.

Elsewhere, in Bewdley and Rock, everyone was also making preparations for this great Christian season! St. Anne's church (Bewdley) and SS Peter and Paul (Rock) were offering special programs of traditional English Christmas music. There was a wonderful and varied selection — from great oratorios and choral music, church bellringing, to orchestral and organ music. Francine and I look forward eagerly someday to spending the holiday season in England, and to sharing the special English Christmas pageantry, so much of which our Hubbell ancestors would have known!

My host showed me his parish newsletter containing notes of interest. There were the mundane issues so well known to all church workers in America such as the need for a new roof for Ribbesford church where Christmas Day Holy Communion would be celebrated "even if the roof is off", albeit the "Christingle" would be held at St. Anne's in Bewdley. A note of particular interest to Hubbells, referred to Rock church where some pews have "gone". They "had more woodworm than at first thought." The organ had much time and effort spent on it. The bell-ringing room was being transformed. To supervise the finances required for

this work, and for projects still contemplated, "Friends of Rock Church" has been formed. Mr. D.O. Makepeace seeks to raise funds with a BUY A STONE campaign! One may contribute 50 pence (now about 77¢) and have his name recorded on a scale drawing of the stones of the ancient Norman church! The drawing showing the stones, is displayed in the church. I thought the idea intriguing and novel, and so contributed two pounds towards four stones. Mr. Makepeace wrote me a kind letter acknowledging the small gift, saying that "we feel honoured that descendants of the original 'Hubbell' family of Rock are aware of our efforts and interested in helping. I hope to publish your kindness in our monthly magazine 'The Bridge', and will forward a copy when published." I will report to the family in a subsequent issue of *Family Notes*. Those interested in helping this "church of our fathers" may send a contribution to Mr. Makepeace at "Greenacre", Greenway, Rock (Kidderminster), DY 14 9SR, England. —HBH

Final Notice . . .

In commemoration of the 1981 luncheon-reunion at Hubbell House, Paul Pappas, owner of the restaurant, kindly offered to install wooden sidewalk planks bearing the name of Hubbell descendants who attended that day. Interested members should furnish a text of how they wish to their name to appear. A 3x5 card will do. Rosemary Hubbell Wirkus is collecting the cards for transmittal to Mr. Pappas. Her address is: 8501 SW 53rd Ave., Miami, Fla 33143.

Gifts . . .

The Editor wishes that the September 1982 *Family Notes* had named members of the family society who made cash gifts in 1981 and 1982! These generous donations were particularly appreciated by those who shouldered the initial expenses of starting up the Society! Our warmest thanks go to the following members: Bill D. Hubbell, Louise H. Swanson, George K. Hubbell, Frederick S. Hubbell, Dennis M. Hubbell, Clarence and Thelma Hubbell, Eleanor Hubbell Ferris, Elma B. Hubbell, Ralph G. Hubbell, Jr., Clarence and Edith Hubbell, Barbara Hubbell Kuetter.

—H.B.H.

Queries . . .

Mrs. Ellie Singleton of Nevada has suggested that there be a "Queries" column in each issue of *Family Notes*! The Editor strongly supports the suggestion.

The Queries column would publish any enquiry relating to a lost or sought-for Hubbell. That might be a long-gone antecedent, or perhaps someone now living, but whose whereabouts aren't presently known. Just a brief glance in the family book reveals how many names there are of Hubbells about whom nothing has been written! State Representatives, of course, are already working on developing new information, and as this data is properly collated it will be available for search in response to a query. The Genealogical Committee (when formed) would be expected to preserve queries for both present and possible future response. Mrs. Singleton has agreed to look after the "Queries" column for a while, and will accept correspondence. All enquiries regarding the family should contain just as much information about the "unknown" Hubbell as the querist has! Full names, dates, places, suspected relationships, etc. should be given. For the time being these queries will be accepted from all sources — family or elsewhere.

Address Mrs. E.L. Singleton, 553 Elm St., Boulder City, Nevada 89005.

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President & Chairman Ernest Hubbell
Vice President Fred C. Hubbell
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 . . .

The name list is nearly completed. This cog in the machine is really working! The number of Hubbells shoed out of the bushes is mounting, and some are turning into staunch supporters. And, I'm glad to say most of the Representatives are remaining steadfast, and not succumbing to momentary disappointments when everyone doesn't respond as enthusiastically as they should! After all, this is a new and unique idea which is going to be copied by other families. Once we have finished groping, the day will get brighter.

New representatives are:

Alabama — still vacant.
District of Columbia — Robert B. Hubbell (a33.)
L'Enfant Plaza, Box 23137, Washington, D.C. 20024
Georgia — Martha Hubbell Hulsey Rt. 2 Box 376,
Flowery Branch, GA 30542.
Hawaii — still vacant.
Kansas — Larry D. Hubbell (7809+) RR2, Chetopa, KS
67336.
Kentucky — Thomas C. Hubbell, Rt. 1 Box 461, Oneida,
KY 40972.
Maine — Minott P. Hubbell (6290i.) 11 McKenzie Ave.,
Ellsworth, ME 04604.
New Hampshire — still vacant.
New Mexico — Elizabeth E. Hubbell (6114+) Box 666
Quemado, NM 87829 (new address).
New York — Stephen H. Hubbell (7395+) RD 1 Box 85,
Mohawk, NY 13407.
North Carolina — still vacant.
Oregon — Herbert W. Hubbell (6726) PO Box 684,
Sutherlin OR 97479.
Rhode Island — Richard F. Hubbell (9076+) 56
Whitehorn Dr. Kingston RI 25303.
Tennessee — James E. Hubbell (6554+) Rt. 1, Pl. Plains
Rd. Jackson, TN 38301.
West Virginia — still vacant.

—DSH, Coordinator.

President's Notes . . .

The current slate of Directors of the Society is being asked to arrange their schedules for the biennial meeting in Fairfield Connecticut, so as to arrive early enough on Thursday September 8 for a Board meeting at 3 PM at the Fairfield Congregational Church. A brief meeting to plan for the longer session on Friday will be necessary. Members who are not directors are welcome if they desire to participate in certain committee work! It is hoped enough general preparation, selection of persons to staff committees, etc. can be done so that full committees may be formed promptly on Friday.

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I have received a letter from member Winifred Djajengwasito who resides with her family in Indonesia. She is a daughter of Society Recording Secretary Rosemary Hubbell Wirkus. Winifred offered some interesting comments on articles appearing in the September 1982 issue of *Family Notes*. We expect to publish the letter and responses in the next issue.

—E.H.

Projects . . .

In the last *Family Notes* we reported that Phyllis Hubbell Holbrook had agreed to edit a family cookbook! She is collecting for publication recipes for tasty dishes important to branches of Hubbells! She suggests you write out your contribution on a 3x5 card, or other, being sure to identify yourself as the contributor. Note the name of your family member who originated this particular dish, and put down the approximate date too. Phyllis expects to be at the September reunion meeting in Fairfield so bring along a card or two for her! In the meantime, you can write her at 1177 Highland Ave., Apt. 11, Salem, Oregon 97303.

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Donald Hubbell reports with relish that he is already getting interesting stories and biographies from some far flung cousins! Ellie Hubbell Singleton sent in a story published in a 1906 newspaper. Another story has been suggested by Barbara Hubbell Kuetter in New Mexico. These are being added to a collection for the publishing committee when it is formed. Donald points out that State Representatives might want to mention the subject during their routine letters and contacts. Contributions from all family members are invited, including photographs! This will be new material, not already printed in the family book. Records of long-ago voyages, trips across the Great Plains during winning of the west, are particularly sought! Since these stories must involve Hubbells, they will be packed with human interest, and exciting to all — we'll surely have a best seller on our hands! Send your contributions to Dr. Donald S. Hubbell

at 308 W. 6th St., Mountain Home,
Ark. 72653.

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The contemplated Supplement to the 1980 family book needs some editors, family members to commence assembling available data! There's lots to work with, and much more to be worked up from public records and family sources.

—HBH

Dues 1983 . . .

The Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer are responsible for maintaining a membership list and for collecting annual dues. A notice is being sent to everyone who earlier joined the Society by paying \$15 for one year, but who has not sent along that amount for the year 1983. Even if you haven't received such a notice, but know you haven't paid for 1983, we do hope you will send your check, payable to the Society, to H.B. Hubbell, Treasurer, 16 Roton Ave., Rowayton, CT 06853.

Since our family organization is still in its infancy, there are various expenditures which we've had to make to get things going! Dues are extremely important right now! In future years we will be able to turn these funds to other work which will probably be more exciting, and of greater immediate interest to all members.

We're looking forward to meeting you all in Fairfield in September!

—PHH & HBH

General Interest . . .

It's a pleasure to report interesting family events and accomplishments of Hubbells that come to my attention. Reports of these from newspapers and other publications are heartily welcomed by the Editor!

John H. Hubbell of Maryland (5858) enjoys an international reputation as a scientist in the field of radiation physics! He recently published a study with the fascinating title "Photon cross sections, attenuation

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coefficients, and energy absorption coefficients from 10keV to 100GeV." This extraordinary topic followed an earlier published cooperative effort bearing an equally arcane title: "Pair, triplet and total atomic cross sections (and mass attenuation co-efficients) for 1 MeV-100GeV photons in elements Z = 1 to 100." John has been asked to contribute a detailed examination of his works for a forthcoming issue of *Family Notes*.

In May 1982 John was a delegate at a symposium on radiation physics held in Penang, Malaysia, and appointed to

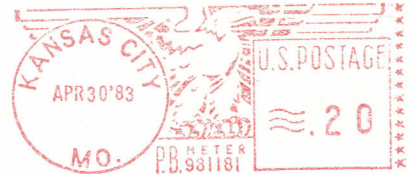
a committee to form an "international radiation physics society." This committee would plan the global exchange of information concerning radiation physics.

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At the 1981 reunion meeting in Mantorville Minnesota, Ernest Hubbell reported that his wife Nevah had made a most unusual discovery. While doing research in the Peabody Museum in Salem Massachusetts, she discovered a portrait of Houqua, the "senior Hong merchant" of Canton, in the days of the thriving China trade. Capt. Ezekiel

Hubbell (507) of Bridgeport Connecticut had extensive business dealings in China in the 1800s with Houqua. Hubbells will find this story outlined on pages 186-8 of the 1980 book. Ernest passed around a photocopy of the portrait. Owners of the earlier Walter Hubbell books will also find the story there. Note the comment that Ezekiel appended to his copy of the completed agreement he had negotiated with Houqua, January 1808, when the terms and conditions had been fulfilled more than a year later — "paid, thank God."

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Genealogical Notes . .

Descendants of John Hubbell (No. 2), oldest son of Richard, our immigrant ancestor, know that he died of smallpox near Schenectady New York. Mrs. Esther Bonta of Stockton California has called attention to interesting notes recording his last days. Volume IV of O'Callaghan's edition of Colonial New-York records contains a transcript from the Journal of Major-General Fitz-John Winthrop's expedition from Albany to Wood Creek in New York State. Under the date of August 15, 1690, following the Schenectady massacre, is recorded the death of Lieut (John) Hubble, "a very good and expert Officer", at Wood Creek. An examination of county maps

may place the locality, in the vicinity of Ft. Ann, Washington County. Descendants should remember, however, that John Hubbell's body was disinterred by Indians who subsequently contracted smallpox, and from which large numbers of their tribes died for their mischief — a point not lost on our highly moralistic Puritan ancestors!

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Ray Hubbell of Muskegon Michigan has been furnishing much new information about his line, descendants of 23611. Sylvester, son of 1161c. Seth and 2nd wife Rachel Almira Kellogg. Our 1980 book contained new Canadian family data on these branches, and while it improved on the earlier editions, much new information

is needed to properly place these various lines. Ray and his wife Mable have furnished much information about descendants of Sylvester, and some of his siblings too. In addition, Ellie Singleton of Nevada, who is mentioned elsewhere in connection with a Queries column, has been a regular source of new Canadian information which she has been collecting. I am pleased too that others are at work in Canada on this perplexing problem, and I have received correspondence from Canadian descendants of an as yet unidentified Nehemiah Hubbell, progenitor of many Hubbells, principally from Michigan. In future issues of *Family Notes* we will report further about Canadian descendants of Seth Hubbell (151).

—HBH