

# FAMILY NOTES

## THE HUBBELL FAMILY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### 1985 Biennial Meeting . . .

Ernest Hubbell has advised that plans have been made for the 1985 biennial membership meeting and reunion to be held at The Westmark Inn, I-80 at Ashworth Road, West Des Moines, Iowa 50265 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday June 20-22, 1985.

Members may make their own reservations at The Westmark Inn by telephoning 515-223-6500 or 1-800-223-9377. As usual, members will also make their own travel arrangements to attend the meeting. It is expected that the meetings of committees, directors and membership will all be held at The Westmark Inn according to the following schedule. Note that it is planned to have a special tour of *Terrace Hill*, presently the residence of the Governor of Iowa, formerly the residence of Frederick M. Hubbell (2670) and his descendants.

#### Thursday, June 20, 1985:

2 PM - 4:30 PM Directors' Meeting.  
5:30 - 8:30 Get-Acquainted Reception.  
Cash Bar.

#### Friday, June 21, 1985:

9 AM - noon Registration.  
Society Membership meeting.  
Noon - 1 PM Buffet luncheon.  
1:30 - 2:45 Society Membership Meeting.  
Committee Meetings.  
3 PM Tour of Terrace Hill.  
Busses depart.  
3:30 - 4:30 Guided Tour of Terrace Hill.  
4:30 Busses return to The Westmark Inn.

#### Saturday, June 22, 1985:

9 AM - noon Society Membership Meeting. Committee Meetings.  
Noon Buffet luncheon.  
2 PM Busses depart for guided tour of Iowa State Capitol and other points.  
4:30 PM Busses return to The Westmark Inn.  
6:30 - 7:30 Cash Bar followed by  
7:30 - 9 Family reunion banquet.

Members may make their plans now for next June's family activities. It is expected that the formal notice of the

meeting, with additional information of events, etc. will be sent out with the 1984 Annual. Every effort will be made to see that the Annual is sent out promptly this year, hopefully sometime in January, 1985.

### Committees . . .

The **Genealogy Committee** held its formation meeting in Fairfield in September, 1983. Nine members were present who decided upon a work program. The Committee felt it could carry out this program temporarily without a chairman.

The Committee thought it would be useful for State Representatives to send copies of data they collect about the family to the Genealogy Committee member designated for their state. The Committee asked Ernest Hubbell to communicate this recommendation to State Reps. State assignments were divided as follows:

Canada - Beryl Hubbell and Bruce McCausland  
New England - Harold B. Hubbell  
NY, NJ, PA, MD, VA & DC - Hilbert Hubble  
AR, LA, OK - Donald S. Hubbell, Sr.  
Hawaii - George K. Hubbell, Jr.  
UT, NV, ID, AZ, CA, OR, WA, AK - Grahame Smallwood  
DE, WV, NC, SC, GA - Harold G. Hubbell  
TN, KY, MS, AL - Thomas C. Hubbell  
IL, IN, MO, KS - R. Leroy Hubble  
MI, WI, MN, ID, OH - Raymond & Mable Hubble  
NB, ND, SD, CO, NM, TX, WY - to be reassigned due to death of Kenneth Hubble.  
FL - to be assigned

Hilbert Hubble, a Commander in the Navy with computer experience, has set up a listing on computer of "unclassified" members of the family from all sources. The names will be compared with known branches of the family. The list can be corrected and up-dated regularly.

The Committee noted that Mrs. Singleton of Nevada agreed to receive queries from members.

Another major contribution to the Committee's work was provided by member Grahame Smallwood who furnished extensive Hubbell family data from Mormon files in Salt Lake City. When preparing this data for the computer, Hilbert discovered a North Carolina marriage record of Gilead Hubbell to Sarah P. Boatright, Feb. 10, 1802. He identified Gilead as 1307a., son of Gideon, most likely father of "unclassified" Hubbells a66. James B., a77. Daniel, a93. William, a103. Parke and a104. Napoleon! The Committee was apprised of this exciting news. Subsequently it was learned that Society member Ruth Ryan of Mississippi, working independently of the Committee, had obtained census records from North Carolina and Tennessee, recording the names of these individuals. The names and birth dates of issue match information recorded in the family **History**. Harold B. Hubbell proposed the Committee confirm descendants of Gilead and Sarah as described above, and as recorded in the **History**, thus bringing into the category of identified members a large number of Hubbells, who, we are sure, will be pleased to learn the news!

-HBH

Five members of the **Library Committee** held a formation meeting at Fairfield in September, 1983.

The Committee recognizes a pressing need for assisting all Hubbells to place their valuable and unique Hubbell family memorabilia in secure places and where everything can be available for study by future generations. For instance: what to do with old papers, diaries, correspondence, books, genealogical research done by an earlier member of the family years ago, Hubbell mementos etc. when there is no room to store them?

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It was enthusiastically agreed that preservation of Hubbell family records and memorabilia would be best accomplished by securing the cooperation of interested libraries as repositories for appropriate items from families who live or lived in the area served by the library. The Committee plans to obtain consent of such libraries to accept and preserve donations of the Society of suitable items.

In addition to Hubbell papers, the Committee believes that libraries will be keen to receive any kind of memento awarded to a Hubbell, as trophies, medals, etc. with particular emphasis on items of military significance. Civil War items have special appeal these days!

Society members are also encouraged to arrange their wills to leave to the Society, for donation to libraries, items of Hubbell family significance. Of course, important family possessions customarily go to interested heirs – in the absence of interest or concern, however, keep the Society in mind!

The Committee hopes later to explore possibilities for possible income tax benefit for members making contributions, if indeed such exist.

Members with library experience, or just plain interest, are invited to join the Library Committee. Just send your name to the Committee, care of the Society!

### History and Biography Committee.

A project of Donald Sidney Hubbell (4599) which we have reported on before, and which is coming along well but slowly, Donald informs us, is to identify the first member of the Hubbell family in each state of the union – and the preparation of biographies of these persons.

Donald wishes to remind everyone working on this project to send him as soon as possible all pertinent data so that preparation of the book may go ahead!

## Family News . . .

As you drive into Kansas City, Missouri – or thru it – you notice one tall building in the downtown core that has a sculptured tower, quite unlike any other. That's the Power & Light Building, the 25th floor of which is the law offices of Hubbell, Sawyer, Peak & O'Neal – the Hubbell in this case being Ernest, first president of The Hubbell Family Historical Society.

Leonard and I were escorted by Ernest into his office where we saw photographs of his Hubbell forebears, together with others of former governors of Missouri, and of well known public figures alongside Ernest.

A lovely young woman popped her head in, and, recognizing me from my visit a year earlier, greeted me warmly and welcomed my husband, Leonard. Such openness and friendliness is characteristic of our Honorary Member and Corresponding Secretary, Suzie McDonald.

As Ernest prepared to fly to San Antonio, Suzie showed us through the offices, and displayed the cabinets that store Hubbell Society records, giving us an idea of the scope and extent of the work that goes on in the office of the President, "beyond the files."

I asked Suzie if she could correct an error I had made in the name of a Hubbell cousin in Topeka. She did better than that! We followed to watch as Suzie sat down at her desk, pulled something out of a computer storage box, inserted it into something else, clicked on the typewriter-like machine, and made the correction *right then* on the master list of members! Believe me, this Hubbell Society is a "going concern". Suzie works for another partner in the firm during the week, and then comes in on Saturdays (!) to keep up with the Hubbell Society's records, correspondence and files.

Before we left for lunch, Suzie took us for a brief tour of the building, showing us the lovely rolling country of Missouri and Kansas. Like us, Suzie is eagerly planning to attend the Second Biennial Meeting of the Society in Des Moines, Iowa, in June 1985. Be sure to meet her then – you'll be glad you did!

–RHW

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## Gifts . . .

The Directors are always pleased to acknowledge the cash contributions which various members make to the Society, in addition to their dues. We wish to add these names to those already mentioned in the last Family Notes: L. Kenneth Hubbell, Rita B. Hubbell, MacPherson Hubbell, Ralph D. Hubbell, Hilbert R. Hubble, Lucius W. Hubbell, R.K. Hubbell, Clarence & Edith Hubbell, Marilyn Danic, Charles F. Hubbell, Leila Hubble Runyon, Mrs. Flora D. Maull, Dr. & Mrs. Donald E. Hubbell, Mrs. D. Martin Hubbell and Mr. & Mrs. C.J. Schofield.

For 1984, gifts have been received from the following: Eleanor H. Ferris, in memory of Elma B. Hubbell, R. Leroy Hubble, Jessie H. Scaggs, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence E. Hubbell and Mr. & Mrs. John H. Hubbell.

Sales of the **Index** and the **History** have yielded \$100 in 1984.

Please inform the Treasurer if you made a gift to the Society, as of March, 1984, and it has not yet been acknowledged.

–HBH

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President & Chairman . . . . .	Ernest Hubbell
Vice President . . . . .	Fred C. Hubbell
Vice President . . . . .	† Kenneth O. Hubble
Recording Secretary . . . . .	Rosemary Hubbell Wirkus
Corresponding Secretary . . . . .	Sandra Sue McDonald
Treasurer . . . . .	Harold B. Hubbell

The Hubbell Family Historical Society invites membership from decendants 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:

Husband & wife, individuals,  
societies, libraries . . . . . \$15

Contributing member . . . . . \$50

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.

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Rosemary Hubbell Wirkus.



## Family News . . .

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Society members Bob (6175) and Carolyn Hubbell sent an envelope of newspaper clippings announcing the 100th Anniversary celebrations of Hubbell Bros., Kelly Corners, N.Y. on May 25-6, 1984.

Bob's branch got started in New York in 1800 when Enoch and Sarah Hubbell (80) from Connecticut settled in the wilderness of Middletown, N.Y. on Hubbell Hill. By 1850 their grandson Millo (811) had a dairy farm at Kelly Corners which was taken over by John D. Hubbell (1780) in 1862 when he was 26 years old. Dairying was continued until the 1960s. Thus began an uninterrupted residence of Hubbells in that Catskill Mountain community.

In 1884 Hubbell Brothers was formed by Will and Burr Hubbell. The organization has grown and prospered over the ensuing century, its activities changing with the times until now it is a broadly based enterprise embracing lumber, building and household supplies, agricultural equipment – and the famous and excellent (to us!) apple cider and maple syrup they make there! The now antique cider mill has been turning out cider every season since 1886.

Carolyn and Bob also operate "Carob" for Bed and Breakfast at Hubbell's Homestead Farms, Kelly Corners.

–HBH

A quaint concoction of the press was uncovered by a member. The Lima (Ohio) News of October 30, 1983 contained the following text set on the outline of a tombstone headed R.I.P.: "Hezekiah Hubble. Legend has it that some kind of curse shrouds the grave of Hezekiah Hubble, a pioneer of the Bluffton area. While some people may laugh, others steer clear of the dark woods where the man is buried.

"Look at his grave if you must, but don't touch it, warns Jill Milliger, an Ohio Northern University student. You're teasing fate by playing with the curse – those who touch the grave will die within a year.

"For those keeping count, believers in the legend can tell of people who have died in automobile accidents, from rare diseases, or who were murdered – all because they touched the grave of Hezekiah Hubble."

Well, we rather imagine that any "spell" was instantaneously dispelled by the Lima News editor's spelling errors: Hezakiah, as it appears on his tombstone (not Hezikiah); and Hubbell (not Hubble) as it appears also on his tombstone, and as he signed his pension application of 1838. Oh, the person in question is most likely 388. Hezekiah (as it appears on his pension application) Bloomfield Hubbell.

–HRH & HBH

Rosemary Hubbell Wirkus has reported on an exhibition of her grandfather's paintings: "The Henry Salem Hubbell, American Impressionist – 1870-1949 – Exhibition" at the Hollywood, Florida Art & Culture Center from November 20, 1983 to January 6, 1984, attracted such favorable attention that several other museums in Florida asked to share it. We were greatly pleased with the reception the exhibition received in Hollywood – so much so, that when our three daughters came home to Miami (from such distant places as Malang, East Java, Indonesia; Eagle River, Alaska; and Albuquerque, New Mexico) we attended as a family the opening of the exhibition at the St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts on March 16, 1984. What a glorious evening! The members and guests were so enthusiastic and complimentary that it warmed our hearts.

The family portraits were the guests' favorites, including the ones of my great-grandparents, Capt. Willard O. Hubbell and his wife, Nancy Maria Gleason which appear on page 408, and the four of my more "immediate" family which appear on page 541 of the **History**.

Other guests were more taken with the quick studies of Florida scenes which my grandfather loved – sunsets, sunrises, seascapes – for though much of south Florida has been changed by growth, such beauties never change. Few could remember that the skyline of Miami had ever looked as my grandfather painted it in the late 1920s, so great has been the building here since the end of World War II.

I was especially touched to greet Hubbells: Phyllis May (5492) from Canada, and David and Barbara Baynard Hubbell (5538) of St. Pete, after 40 years had passed since we'd been at Duke together!

As we were leaving, I looked through the guestbook and noticed yet another Hubbell – Wesley Howard (9079) whom we did not get to meet. I am now in touch with him by letter.

Now Leonard and I look forward to greeting the members and guests at the opening reception of the exhibition in Melbourne, Florida on September 1st at the Brevard Art Center & Museum. I am always delighted to share the Hubbell Family through such beautiful paintings. Please join us if you can. We would love to meet and greet you.

In September 1983, during our special bus tour of important Hubbell family localities, members were surprised and pleased to find Chapin F. Hubbell (4871) of Niantic Connecticut waiting in the Whitfield House parking lot at Guilford. Chapin had with him items that had belonged to his great-grandfather Agur T. Hubbell of the White Hills. (Chapin says the name is pronounced like "vagner".) Chapin had with him an old fife, an authentic powder horn, an old powder keg, and a long rifle which he referred to as a "Kentucky rifle". These items belonged to Agur who was born in 1805, after the Revolutionary War, but it wasn't clear whether they had actually belonged to an earlier antecedent. Descendants of this line might want to contact Chapin in Niantic for more information. Unfortunately, he is rather deaf, so a personal visit might be advisable.

## Dues . . .

We are trying very hard to get the Society's financial year on a January-December basis. Notices of dues were sent out with the 1983 Annual, but, unfortunately that publication was distributed several months later than we would have liked. We hope the 1984 Annual will go out in January (1985) and you will receive dues notices with it.

At the biennial meeting in Fairfield, the Board of Directors approved a Contributing Membership class. This recognized the desire of various members to help with Society projects which they think are exciting and deserve a special push! Other members were especially interested in a Supplement to the 1980 family history.

Contributing Membership . . .

. . . annually \$50

All dues may be paid by check, to the Society, to H.B. Hubbell, Treasurer, 16 Roton Avenue, Rowayton, Connecticut 06853.



## Book Notes . . .

Members interested in reading about the Hubbell Trading Post in Ganado, Arizona, and in particular about the valuable Hubbell trading beads, may consult the magazine "Arizona Highways," the following issues: July 1971 pp. 16, 33, and color plates CL 106 and CL 149; March 1975, pp. 11-13; special edition "Turquoise Blue Book", copyright 1975, pp. 25, 90-92. ARIZONA HIGHWAYS MAGAZINE, 2039 West Lewis Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85009.

Member Donald S. Hubbell, Jr. has written *Bennett's Bayou Bennett's River, 1830-1900*, 1981, a study of a community in Baxter County, Arkansas. Interested

members may address the author at Box 141, Henderson, Ark. 72544.

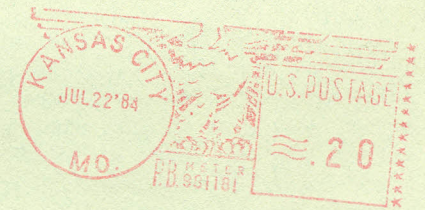
The 1985 reunion meeting is to be held in Des Moines. Members may wish to obtain a copy of *THE IOWAN*, Winter Issue 1979, which has a picture story about Terrace Hill, home of F.M. Hubbell (2670), but not built by him, and now the official residence of the Governors of Iowa. The Iowan Inc., Box 130, 118 South Elm Street, Shenandoah, Iowa 51601.

At the 1985 Biennial Meeting and Reunion of The Hubbell Family Historical Society the members will be afforded an opportunity to purchase a limited number of copies of *A Taste of Terrace Hill*, copyright 1979, 2d ed., 1981, which is a

163 page cook book containing numerous photographs in color of Terrace Hill for the tentative price of \$9.00 each. The author of the book was Mrs. Robert D. Ray, the wife of then governor Robert D. Ray. In the meantime, copies may be acquired by writing to Terrace Hill Society Distribution Center, 2020 Grand Avenue, West Des Moines, Iowa 50265 (515/247-2264). Checks should be payable to "Terrace Hill Society". Prices are: for a single copy, \$12.50 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling; for two or more copies, \$11.00 plus \$1.50 for each mailing address.



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## Queries . . .

I would like to correspond with descendants of Marjorie Hubbell Rhoades (3995). She was the sister of my father Richard Sinclair Hubbell (3994). I have never had any contact with her children. We would be first cousins: Mrs. Dorothy Hubbell Stauffer (5580), 215 W. 6th St., No. 1010, Peoria, Ill. 61605.

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

## General Interest . . .

A number of months ago American Express advertised the sale of goblets ("full lead crystal Heraldic Goblets") which could be ordered "custom-engraved with a coat of arms for the family name entered below". The price

was about \$25 each. While coats-of-arms are not, strictly speaking, appropriate to members of the Hubbell family, the goblets looked interesting and might make someone happy who is partial to this sort of thing. For information, it would probably be best to consult American Express directly, probably their mail order gift department. We know nothing of the quality of the product, or the accuracy of the coat of arms, etc.

