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FAMILY NOTES

THE HUBBELL FAMILY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Descendants of Richard Hubball, Immigrant to North America*

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**PROF. PAUL EDGAR HUBBELL  
IS CENTENARIAN**

Professor Paul Edgar Hubbell was born 12 August, 1891, and celebrated his 100th birthday on August 12, 1991.

Professor Hubbell has also the distinction of being the oldest living Rhodes Scholar.

Perhaps he is also the oldest living Hubbell? Can anyone else presently top this milestone?

In the 1980 edition of the *History and Genealogy of the Hubbell Family*, on page 544, Harold identifies #3936, Paul Edgar Hubbell of Ypsilanti, Michigan in 1979, as the son of #2385 Rev. David Shelton and Ruth (Eller) Hubbell, born 12 August 1891 in Brookneal, Virginia. He married Anne Thompson of North Carolina in 1921. She was the daughter of Dr. Kimbro and Lucy (Mickers?) Thompson of Surry County, North Carolina. They have a daughter Ann (#5539), born 15 February, 1925 at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Daughter Ann is a teacher.

Additionally, Harold wrote, "Paul Hubbell is a specialist in European history. He was graduated from Richmond University, took an M.A. from Wake Forest College, two degrees from Oxford, and his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. After teaching in high school, he joined the faculty of Eastern Michigan University."

We thank Dr. Hubbell's nephew, Jay Broadus Hubbell, Jr., of Durham, North Carolina, for reminding us of this momentous occasion. Our hearty Congratulations to Professor Hubbell!

**FAMILY MEMBER GAVE FAIRFIELD  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY DISPLAY**

Member Beatrice Hubbell (Marsh) Spencer, of Mars, Pennsylvania contributed to the Fairfield (Connecticut) Historical Society, 150 furniture stencils, pigments, finishes, and tools which were used by her grandfather and great-grandfather in their furniture making businesses in Southport and Bridgeport during the nineteenth century. These items, along with four fancy chairs they made about 1840, have been on display at the Society from May through mid-September, 1991, titled "The Corbusiers of Southport."

The display features the career of John P. Corbusier, a native of Bermuda, who came first to New York and then to Southport by 1850, with his wife, Elizabeth, born in England, two daughters, and son Alfred B., born in New York City.

Alfred B. Corbusier married, on 23 December, 1850, #1995, Clarissa Wordin Hubbell of that portion of Fairfield near

Seaside Park, which was later annexed by the city of Bridgeport.

Alfred and Clarissa were the parents of seven (or eight?) children, of whom only two survived to adulthood: Clara Belle, who never married, and Laura Beatrice (Corbusier) who married J. Buckingham Marsh. Laura had two daughters and a son (Vernon) who died in infancy. Beatrice's sister Charlotte Corbusier Marsh, died in Burlington, Vermont, 28 August 1985, at the age of 91.

Beatrice Hubbell Marsh, an alumna of Smith College, married Charles H. Spencer, Jr. They lived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for 50 years. She is still an alert and active "youngster" at the age of 90. She has supplied updated genealogical data and information about the history of Hubbell real estate in the Fairfield/Bridgeport community for the 1993 A & R.

**My Genealogy**

My Genealogy is Who I am,  
and what I can expect to be.

It is a study of the people  
whose genes are a part of me.

— Jean E. H. Peterson, c.1991

**NEW HAVEN —  
JUNE 15-19, 1993**

Reserve these dates on your calendar, and watch for more information! Jeanette LaMacchia and others are hard at work preparing our 1993 Biennium at the birth-site of our North American Hubbell family. Richard Hubball came with his Uncle John Wakeman from England first to New Haven Colony, about 1639. Our immigrant ancestor married his first wife, Elizabeth Meigs, here (at Guilford) about 1652, before moving to Stratfield/Fairfield/Pequonnock during the 1660's, where he married his second and third wives, and their children were born and the family "settled." (Some of them settled there, that is, while others moved to the White Hills of Huntington/Trumbull (now Shelton), some west to Westport and Norwalk, and some to other parts of Connecticut, New England, New York state, Canada, and points west and south, including Hawaii!)

Among plans for June 15-19, 1993, are a return visit to those early Hubbell sites, including the White Hills; and probably a day-trip to Old Mystic Seaport museum, which includes the whaling ship *Charles W. Morgan*. (The *Morgan* is a complement to our visit to Hawaii, and will give us another flavor of Josiah Benjamin Hubbell who left Connecticut aboard a whaling ship. A Mystic trip will be an interesting supplement for those who visited the Whalers' museum at Lahaina, Maui.)

So mark your calendars, all ye whose ancestors migrated from (or stayed near), and return to New Haven in '93!

We'll see you there!

# Editor's Notes . . .

## Apology

In the last issue, we promised to provide in this issue an identifying caption for the group picture of our Hawaiian hosts. We had planned to do this by using the caption from the large group photo that was taken at the same time, prior to the banquet. However, we have not yet received our copy of the larger group picture, so we can not keep that promise.

Second, we promised "more small-group pictures" from Hawaii in this issue. However, it is evident that my color prints do not reproduce well in black and white, so we have omitted these.

## Thoughts From Your Editor:

In Hawaii last April, Hannah Bowman said, "Family is someone who loves you for your faults."

That observation impressed me. I know we love people *in spite of* their faults. I had not thought about loving people *because of* their faults!

When I think about the fact that *none* of us *can* be perfect, even in those areas of our greatest skill and expertise, I realize that Cousin Hannah was right. If other people did not have faults, those of us who are aware of our own shortcomings would be too uncomfortable with the perfect ones to be able to consort with them. Without socialization, we would not learn to love them.

## "SPELL your name, please!"

Because my grandparents spelled their name Hubbell, and because I was raised by a (non-Hubbell!) perfectionist, there was a time when I would have been greatly offended by any misspelling of our family name. Prior to the last issue, however, it was brought to my attention that family members with variant spellings deserved "equal time" — thus, the decision to re-design our masthead. In addition, your editor made an effort to vary the spelling of our "generic" name as much as possible throughout that issue (and this one). It was not my intention to misspell the name of any individual or specific family.

My apology to Shelton and Dottie, John Howard and Jean (Norford) Hubbell, for letting the misspelling of their name on the headline in the last issue slip through. I did NOT catch it on the proof. As I was bundling the finished product for mailing, it kept hitting me. It was MY fault, and to them, I apologize.

Undoubtedly there were and are descendants of immigrant Richard Hubball who chose deliberately to alter the spelling of their name and did so by Court order.

However, it seems likely to me that to a large extent, the variations in the spelling of our name come from the imperfections of town and county clerks and census takers who recorded the name by sound or by their own notion of how it ought to be spelled, rather than by the dictation of the owner of the name. For many, it was probably simpler to accept the birth certificate as it was recorded, than it was to contest the entry and pay the fee for a correction.

For us purists, it is of interest to note that our immigrant ancestor's name was spelled HUBBALL, yet virtually none of his North American descendants have used that spelling of the name! Besides the common forms Hubble, Hubbel, and Hubbell, we have used Hubel, Huble, and Hubell. In my research and census readings of Fairfield county, Connecticut, the "cradle" or our North American family, where the name was common, I have found it written as Hubhill, Hubbull, Hulbel, and Habbell.

Like Hubls, census takers, town and county clerks, and other human beings, printers cannot ALWAYS be perfect. After seeing our HST launch issue, typeset by a prior printer, I have been very satisfied with the proofing and readiness to make corrections (even when the mistakes are those of your editor, not of the typesetter) which comes with the service package by Gartner, who has printed our last two issues.

In one of my pictures in which four people had been named, it was necessary to cut off one of them. In the proof, we corrected the identification of the people (printed in the right direction in the proof); but when that picture appeared in the completed issue, it was printed backwards! Even the best of printers is entitled to an occasional mistake! Your present editor is still pleased and satisfied with the work and service of Gartner Printing.

## Editor's Deadline

Last year, The Society deemed that two issues of *Family Notes* should be published per year, in addition to one *Annual*. In order to space these three publications evenly, it was decided that *Family Notes* should be published in May and September, with the *Annual* coming mid-winter. It has been determined that in order to prepare these issues on an orderly schedule that a "copy deadline" should be established. Thus, any information received LATER than May 1 or September 1 may not appear in the issue bearing that date. If your news or notice MUST appear in one of those issues, please try to forward it to the editor about a month in ADVANCE of May or September 1.

For personal reasons, this will be my last issue as editor of *Family Notes*. If someone would like to volunteer his or her talents as future editor, you may contact President Clifton Hubbell at 1125 Hickory Trail, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515; or the Publications Committee in care of Robert L. Hubbell, 303 North Lee Street, Falls Church, Virginia 22046-3233.

My thanks to those of you who have been supportive of me and offered constructive suggestions as I have "found my way" through these past five issues. I am sure you will offer the same help to your next editor.

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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:

(Payable in U.S. or Canadian dollars.)

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| Regular (per household: individual, husband and wife) | \$15 |
| Contributing member                                   | 50   |
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| Societies and Libraries                               | 10   |

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are held every two years.

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

# R.S.V.P. DIRECTOR CLAIR HAS TALENT

A talented Retired Service Volunteer Program worker is our Corresponding Secretary and Membership Treasurer, Claire Hubbell Pierce, of Sutton, Vermont. Claire has been the Director of the Northeast Kingdom R.S.V.P. program, based in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, since its founding in 1986.

We Hubbells have been privileged to hear Claire sing at our banquets, but did anyone realize that she was once a professional entertainer in New York City — in the days “before Bruz?”

Claire is the subject of a feature article by Virginia Downs which appeared in the 24 April 1991 issue of *The Chronicle and Weekly News*.”

The article begins with a review of many projects in which this R.S.V.P. chapter participates.

Director Claire and Coordinator Llyn Ellison co-edit a quarterly newsletter, the *RSVP KINGDOM News*, which is sent out to the 680 volunteers who serve Orleans, Essex, and Caledonia Counties in Vermont.

Miss Downs' biography makes Claire's life sound like a fairy-tale. Claire began singing in her crib, imitating songs she heard her father and his friends sing at parties in their basement. He had been the lead baritone soloist in the choir of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City; and had been “an aspiring vaudeville singer and composer,” before he married and “settled down” to a more stable income provided by managing a men's clothing store.

Claire sang in a vaudeville show before she was three years old. Ten years later, after her father's death, she volunteered as a singer in military hospitals at Fort Dix, Camp Kilmer, and Camp Monmouth, New Jersey, during World War II. Someone who heard her offered her a job singing with a band in a country club. She accepted it, to help her mother pay the bills. Claire continued her singing career, having to sing without rehearsal whatever the band knew, in whatever key they chose to play.

She sang with the Rockefeller Choristers for the Rockefeller Plaza Christmas tree lighting ceremony, and the Easter sunrise service at Radio City Music Hall.

She turned down an offer to audition to sing for Fred Waring's band, due to her commitments to her work and to support her mother.

Claire met Cedric (“Bruz”) Pierce, a Naval officer, who was on Christmas leave

with a friend in New Jersey, in 1952. He had his master's degree in history; and was teaching by the time they were married in August, 1953. He now is professor of Canadian studies at Lyndon State College in Lyndonville, Vermont.

They bought an old house in Sutton which they remodelled while they were living in it.

Claire is now frequently asked by Senior Citizens' groups to sing for them, bringing back memories as she sings the songs of the 1940's. Claire also sings solo for concerts in the St. Johnsbury area, including fund raisers, college noon-time concert series, and club meetings.

Mid-July, 1991, Claire was to take 48 R.S.V.P. volunteers to Fenway Park for the Red Sox-Minnesota Twins baseball game, to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the national R.S.V.P. Claire had been asked by the committee to sing the National Anthem for the event, but wasn't sure the Fenway officials would agree to it. If they did not, the loss was theirs!



*In light of recent and current events in Russia, the following item written in 1988 by one of our members seems very timely:*

## CHRISTIANS IN THE U.S.S.R.

*by Bernice Treleaven*

The following article, written by Bernice Treleaven, appeared on the back of a church bulletin for The Presbyterian Church in Canada, St. Andrew's parish at Hastings and Warkworth, for the Third Sunday in Epiphany, on 24 January 1988. This article was used in Presbyterian Churches across Canada on this day:

“One theme of Epiphany is the universality of Christ. Wise men from the east, foreigners, came to worship the baby. The light which Christ brings knows no bounds. It is for all people of the world. At Epiphany, we think globally of our brothers and sisters in the faith and share with them their joys and triumphs, their pains and hurts.

“This year, the mission study of the Presbyterian Church focuses on Christians in the Soviet Union. The study theme is, “Peoples and Churches in the U.S.S.R.”

“Worship in an Orthodox Church is intended to be a foretaste of entering into the kingdom of heaven. The finest that can be offered in brocaded vestments, gold, icons, and the rich harmony of choirs, is dedicated to God in ritual that has changed little over the past 1,000 years.

“The service, involving total congregational participation, is based on Scripture — read, chanted and sung. Music, processions, colour, candles and incense involve the senses in a way that demands a response of the whole person in the worship of God. In 1985, I celebrated Easter with Canadians and Russians in Zagorsk.

“Those taking part in the study will have an opportunity to explore the faith of Christians who live and worship in a different land and in a different social and political setting. As Canadians, we can reflect on how we spread the light of Christ in our own country and lives.”

— Bernice Treleaven

“Readings: Jonah 3:1-5; Ps. 62:5-12; I. Cor. 7:29-31(32-35); Mark 1:14-20. THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA, Board of Congregational Life, 50 Wynford Drive, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 1J7.

## WINSLOW CITY MAY GET HUBBELL TRADING POST

The 1988 issue of *Family Notes* reported that the Arizona Historical Society had acquired the Hubbell Trading Post in Winslow, Arizona, and hoped to restore the building and make it into a museum about the Indian trade.

Now the Board of Directors of the Historical Society has instructed its staff to negotiate with the City of Winslow to turn over the building to the city, according to a letter received in February, 1991, by your then Society President from Pierce Chamberlain in Tuscon.

The letter says that the city is interested in promoting the historical aspects of its downtown area to encourage tourism. The city had better resources to develop the property than the Arizona Historical Society and is willing to invest considerable amounts over the next several years. The Historical Society hopes that the city will develop a museum of local history with emphasis on the Indian trade.

At present, the building is serving as headquarters of the Homolovi Ruins State Park and will probably continue so for the next year or so. The land it is on is still owned by the Santa Fe Railroad.

[RLH]

## AMONG THE FAMILY:

One copy of the *History and Genealogy of the Hubbell Family* has been donated to the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, by **Betty J. Chapman** of Cahokia, Illinois.

Betty has also placed a Paver Brick at the Tamasee School (Daughters of the American Revolution) located at Tamasee, South Carolina 29686. The dining hall burned and was replaced. Betty had not seen the finished product as of Christmas, 1990, but the brick reads:

"Hubbell-Hubble  
Richard 1625 Eng."

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Society President #5193 **Clifton and Esther Hubbell** were the subjects of a feature story in the *Suburban LIFE* newspaper serving Downers Grove, Woodridge, Lisle, and Bolingbrook, Illinois on Saturday, 6 July 1991. The article, in the *LIFEstyle* section, was written by Dan Carney under the title "Hubbell history hubbub — Downers Grove man heads historical society", and includes a large photograph of Esther and Cliff with some of the memorabilia (hats, plates, glasses, and society publications) they have collected from our biennial reunions. In addition, a small photo of them on the front page, just under the masthead, guides the reader to the article on page 6.

The article sketches the descent of the Hubbell family in North America, the geographical spread and history of the Hubbell Family Historical Society and its membership, Cliff's role in the organization, some excerpts from *Hubbell Pioneers*, and a bit of biographical material about Cliff and Esther.

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### Small Family Groups

Among the visitors to Hawaii were three groups of first cousins, among them our president and two former presidents: Clifton Howells Hubbell and Robert Lamson Hubbell; R. Leroy Hubble and Gene B. Hubble; and Martha Evanoff and Mary Goldie.

Parents and adult children included: Ray and Mabel Hubbell, their son Thomas Lee and his wife Nancy Lou Hubbell, of Michigan; Clarence and Edith Hubbell and their son Jack Howard Hubbell (a reunion first-timer), of Illinois; Rosella Hubbell Hansen and daughter Teri Bybee of Washington state; and Barbara Kruse and step-daughter Linda Kruse (also a reunion first timer) of Long Island, N.Y.

Another sibling group, not shown in the last issue, included Knud and Alice Muriel (Hubbell) Geertsens, sister of Harold Gordon (and Joyce) Hubbell, of Canada.

Society Recording Secretary **Jean (Norford) Hubbell** (Mrs. John Howard, #5858) sent a copy of the clipping from *The Montgomery County (Maryland) JOURNAL* of Thursday, 16 May, 1991, which used the press release from the Hawaii meeting in "The ALMANAC's" *Neighbors* column. Their report reads:

"[] Hubbell society

**John and Jean Hubbell of Rockville attend reunion.**

"John H. and Jean N. Hubbell of Rockville were among those from 20 states and two Canadian provinces who attended the biennial reunion of the Hubbell Family Historical Society in Hawaii last month.

"The society honored descendants of Josiah Benjamin Hubbell, a Connecticut sailor who landed and settled in Hawaii in 1843. Josiah was a sixth-generation descendant of Richard Hubball, who came from England to what is now Connecticut in 1638.

"Nearly all people in the United States and Canada named Hubbell, Hubble and Hubbel can trace their ancestry to Richard Hubball. Descendants include astronomer Edwin Powell Hubble (1880-1953), who is memorialized by the space telescope, and pitcher Carl Owen Hubbell (1903-1990), whose screw-ball fanned Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and other baseball greats.

"At the Hawaii reunion, Jean Hubbell was elected secretary of the society. Another county resident, Hilbert R. Hubble of Derwood, who did not attend the meeting, was re-elected to the Board of Directors as Society vice president."

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The October/November 1990 issue of ACSI's **Legal Legislative Update** has a picture and lead article regarding Burt Carney, now of California, son of Washington State's Eva Hubbell Carney. Burt Carney has been named new Coordinator for State Legislative Issues for ACSI. He conducts a computerized search weekly for new legislation in each of the 50 states. He will note bills which include items that may affect Christian schools; then review the proposed legislation, to determine which ones need to be brought to the attention of constituents in the region where the legislation is proposed.

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*From The Washington Post Religion Section, Saturday, 23, February 1991:*

### Praying for Peace Lecture

"A taped lecture delivered by Christian Scientist Jack Hubbell titled "Prayer: An Effective Approach to Peace," (was aired on a local radio station.)

"Hubbell, a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship and the

First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, focuses on how prayer can be applied to heal conflicts, with particular emphasis on the war in the Persian Gulf."

— by Myra Dandridge  
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*From the Michigan Engineer: (Winter, 1991) Notes regarding alumni:*

(#7257) James W. Hubbell (B.S. Civil '55) was recently named "Civil Engineer of the Year for 1990" by the Michigan Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Hubbell has been practicing civil engineering for more than 34 years, and is currently president of Hubbell, Roth, and Clark, one of Michigan's largest civil engineering firms, located in Bloomfield Hills."

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Previously overlooked, a copy of Jessie Hubbell Scaggs' 1989 Christmas letter was forwarded to your editor. It is a beautiful letter of faith and joy, despite the fact that it describes the pain and discomfort she has suffered in her bout with Lyme Disease, contracted in the summer of 1989. As a result of the fatigue and unpredictable arthritis attacks, she found it necessary to resign from the parish she was serving and to go to live for a time with her daughter Anne and son-in-law Curtis in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, until she could determine her future plans. One of her last official acts was to baptize her 16th grandchild on her farewell Sunday.

Jessie wrote that in making this decision, she remembered the advice of her District Superintendent when she was putting in long hours taking care of her young family and helping her husband in the church: "You cannot bring the Kingdom in alone." This has helped her to remember that she can "back off" and let others do the work when it gets to be too much for one to do alone. Jessie wrote in her letter, "We need each other and others really can do what they do as well or better than we think."

(P.S. We missed you in Hawaii, Jessie!)

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### Sick List

We have been informed that Harvey Hubbell IV is now recovering at home from a heart attack suffered this summer in London, Ontario.

Madalene (Mrs. Donald Clayton) Hubbell, our Hawaii Convention hostess, has had heart bypass surgery.

Our best wishes and sincere prayers for a full recovery to both of these members; as well as for anyone else who has been "under the weather" that we may have missed.

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## LAST CALL for PHOTOS AND BIOGRAPHIES FOR 1993 A. & R.

Members of the Society are reminded to send up-dated biographies of themselves and/or other members of their line, together with recent and/or old photographs for *Additions and Revisions*.

Photographs will be printed in the same size as in the 1980 *History and Genealogy of the Hubbell Family* 2 1/2"x3". The Committee asks you to bear this in mind when selecting pictures for the new book. Large photographs will have to be reduced and some details will be lost if the photograph is too large. They may be either color or black and white. They should be crisp and clear to ensure good reproduction in the book.

Both biographies and photographs from interested members of the Society must be received by 31 December 1991 for inclusion in the 1993 edition of *Additions and Revisions*.

Send material to Harold B. Hubbell, 16 Roton Avenue, Rowayton, Connecticut 06853.

Research to try to identify missing "links" will continue through 1992. Copy will go to the printer early in 1993, with a finished product projected for late in 1993.

## AUREEN RICHARDSON

The President of the Nehemiah Hubbell Family Heritage Association was busy wielding pencil and paper, as she went about interviewing family members who were in attendance at the Hawaii Biennial. This busy lady was taking notes to write a story about our family reunion to submit for magazine publication. Keep your eyes open — you may find yourself in print when you least expect it!

Aureen is no stranger to writing and publications. She is a member of the Quinte Writers' Guild; and for a long time, prepared a weekly news report for the Sunday News Magazine for CJBQ radio in Belleville, Ontario. She authored an article in *The Anglican* pointing out the needs of disabled people.

On the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary, Aureen wrote a book entitled *Weaving on the Family Loom*, a socio-economic family history of Northumberland County, Ontario, where she and her family live. She invited family members and neighbors to come in and to share some of the stories in the book — stories from five generations in the area. When a family lives in the same area for that long, "everyone knows everyone else", and many, if not most, are bound to be related by intermarriage. Raymond and Aureen thought "a few" people would come. 120 people showed up, the book was well received, and the event a great success.

Aureen is the subject of a cover story written by Ruth Howard in the November, 1990 issue of Canada's *Fifty Five Plus* magazine. The article describes the travels, the tireless tutoring, and the many talents of this secondary school teacher.

Aureen volunteers as a tutor in remedial education for students from grades 5 through 12, who receive the benefits of her truly personalized interest in each one of them.

On an occasion when community members were asked to suggest a name for a new local school, Aureen submitted the name of a local artist, John David Kelly, known for his detailed paintings about Canadian history. At that time, this local citizen of the past had been all but forgotten. As a result of Aureen's workshops creating awareness of this man's contributions, the community supported the naming of a new school for Mr. Kelly.

She is an active member of the University Women's Club, and of P.U.S.H. (an organization devoted to increasing awareness of the needs of disabled citizens). She was among the hard-working hostesses of the 1989 Kingston Biennial, and a very active participant in the Hawaii reunion. We'll look forward to seeing this energetic lady and her faithful husband Raymond again in Connecticut in 1993!

## BRIDGEPORT AUTHOR

Harold B. Hubbell has forwarded an interesting clipping from *The New York Times*, Sunday, 21 July, 1991, regarding the work of novelist Maureen Howard, presently of New York City. For those of us who grew up under the shadow of Harvey Hubbell, Inc.'s neon pull-chain light sign during World War II and post-war days, her memories of Bridgeport and its folklore surrounding Socialist Mayor Jasper McLevy, and tales of last century's PT. Barnum, this is an article we can relate to. The article, entitled "Bridgeport as Clay in a Novelist's Hands," by Lenni Grimaldi, indicates that Bridgeport is the setting for most of Mrs. Howard's novels, which include *Bridgeport Bus*, and *Facts of Life*. Bridgeport-rooted Hubbells may wish to look for her works in their local libraries, to find settings of local interest.



## DORRANCE HUBBELL IS "BONKERS!"

Did you know . . . that HFHS member Dorrance S. Hubbell (#7235) of Torrance, California has been "clowning around" in his community since his retirement?

Dorrance is the President of the Carson Clowers, a group of senior citizen clowns that visits hospitals, festivals, and parades.

On August 17, 1991, they were featured at the Annual Roughneck Round-up of Signal Hill, California, near Long Beach.

Kelle Russell, a staff writer for the *Weekend Plus-Press-Telegram*, Long Beach, wrote of him, in an article about the roundup, in the 16 August, 1991 edition, entitled "Black Gold Blowout":

"Dorrance Hubbell, 67, expects to see children smiling and laughing at the roundup.

"And he'll have something to do with that. The retired McDonnell Douglas machinist will stroll around as a clown.

". . . "I like to make people laugh. It helps you forget your own problems," said Hubbell . . ."

Dorrance appears as "Bonkers the Clown," wearing a red, wild-haired wig, polka-dotted jumper, and the traditional big floppy shoes. He is accompanied by his invisible dog "Shadow," who travels on a (visible) stiff harness leash.

A busload of Carson Clowers will travel to the Clown Convention in Laughlin, Nevada at the Colorado Belle October 13-17, 1991.

The invitation, with Dorrance as contact man, was issued for jesters to "Clown Around with the Clowers on the Way to the Clown Convention on a Laughlin Trip."

Likely it will be a "laughin' trip"?

## BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS?

The Society publishes unique family books: *The History and Genealogy of the Hubbell Family*, *Hubbell Pioneers*, and *Family Fare*. Members are encouraged to order books in time for Christmas. These are books designed to be handed down from one generation to the next. Many families order books so that each child has his or her own copies.

[Editor's note: The forthcoming *A & R* in 1993 will not turn the 1980 *History and Genealogy of the Hubbell Family* into obsolescence. The *Additions and Revisions* will lean heavily on the 1980 volume with references to the data contained therein, and is to contain only newly obtained (or corrected) material.]

Prices and ordering information are listed below. Checks for all items are payable to the Hubbell Family Historical Society, and may be in either Canadian or U.S. funds, at the prices indicated.

*History and Genealogy of the Hubbell Family*, by Harold B. and Donald S. Hubbell, reprinted 1986, 960 pages, index. Members' price — U.S. \$60.00; Canadian \$69.00. Non-members' price — U.S. \$75.00; Canadian \$86.00. Order from Hubbell Family Historical Society, 106 West

145th Street, 25th Floor, Kansas City, Missouri 64105-1992.

*Family Fare*, 1989, compiled by Catherine Welsman & Betty Hubbell of Canada, the Society's cookbook, 255 pages with recipes and anecdotes. U.S. \$16.00 Order from H.G.. Hubbell, 36 Nina Court, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877. Canadian \$18.00. Order from Catherine Welsman, 37 Lemuel St., Thamesville, Ontario NOP 2K0.

*Hubbell Pioneers*, 1989, begun by D.S. Hubbell, completed by HFHS members under C.H. Hubbell, illustrated biographies of family first-comers in each state and in Canada, 432 pages, index.

Members' price: U.S. \$48.00; Canadian, \$56.00. Non-members' price: U.S. \$58.00; Canadian \$67.00 Order from C. H. Hubbell, 1125 Hickory Trail, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515.

*Commemorative plates* (while they last), marking the Hubble telescope launch in Florida in 1990, 7½ inch diameter, 4-color rendition of telescope and space shuttle and text around edge. U.S. \$15.50. Canadian, \$18.50. Order from H. B. Hubbell, 16 Roton Ave., Rowayton, Conn., 06853.

Prices include shipping and handling.

## CORRECTION - HUBBELL PIONEERS

Betty J. Chapman of Cahokia, Illinois has pointed out an error on page 169 of *Hubbell Pioneers*. The phrase which states "story about her great-grandfather, William Henry Hubbell" should read, "story about her grandfather William Henry Hubbell."

## CHARITABLE GIFTS

Please keep in mind the two types of charitable gifts it is possible to make through the Hubbell Family Historical Society:

gift memberships and/or donated copies of our Society's books to libraries and historical societies;

and contributions to a memorial-scholarship fund which we are establishing. No scholarship awards will be made until the fund's principal reaches a minimum of \$5000.00. Designated contributions in any amount for this purpose may be forwarded to Harold B. Hubbell, 16 Roton Avenue, Rowayton, Connecticut 06853.

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