

# HUBBELL — HUBBLE — HUBBEL — HUBEL

# FAMILY NOTES

## THE HUBBELL FAMILY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Descendants of Richard Hubbell, Immigrant to North America*

Incorporated in Missouri

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### FOUR TOURS PLANNED FOR BIENNIAL

Society members attending the seventh Biennial Reunion August 15-20 in Folsom, California, can participate in two of three tours for which the Society will charter buses and in a walking tour:

- **Thursday, August 17** — To 3 gold rush towns—Coloma, Placerville, and Sutter's Creek (described in 1994 *Annual*)
- **Friday, August 18** — A walking tour of Folsom designed for the kids (article about Folsom on page 3).
- **Saturday, August 19** — (1) To the Chaw-Se Indian Grinding Rock State Historical Park and two gold rush towns, Volcano and Jackson (see page 7) or (2) To Old Sacramento (see page 9).

In addition, people can take tours on their own. Robert J. and Marjory Hubbell of the Program Committee will have information and maps in the Hospitality Room. Bob writes, "Stay an extra day if you can. There is a TON of things to see and do that just couldn't be squeezed into the time."

### HUBBELL CENTER OPENS, DIRECTORS PLAN FOR FUTURE

The Directors of the Hubbell Center held a special meeting at the Center on April 8 to observe its opening on the first and third Saturday of each month and to set plans for the future.



From left: Hubbell Center Directors Clifton H. Hubbell, Richard E. Durbin, Harold B. Hubbell, Harvey Hubbell IV, Patricia Dawson (Curator/Librarian), Jack Jerome Hubbell. Seated Myrna Hubbell Kepford, Secretary, and James W. Hubbell, Jr., Treasurer.

Meeting with the Directors was the Librarian/Curator, Patricia Dawson, whose appointment was announced in the 1994 *Annual*. The Directors approved purchase of a computer system. Patricia will prepare a detailed inventory of holdings and start a program for data retrieval when her duties as a school librarian end for the summer. To date, she has organized family reference materials and many publications on the shelves.

The recent approval by the Internal Revenue Service of the Center as eligible to

receive donations which are tax deductible to the donor was reported by attorneys R. E. Mannheimer and David Repp. Deductions can be taken for cash gifts or for the market value of documents and memorabilia.

The substantial legal fees incurred to incorporate the Center and obtain its tax-deductible status were contributed by James W. Hubbell, Jr.

To assure that the Center serves a general public purpose, IRS required that the Board of Directors include three non-fami-

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### ELECTIONS, OTHER BUSINESS ARE ON BIENNIAL AGENDA

Seven new Directors and five officers for the Society will be elected at the first general membership meeting the morning of Wednesday, August 16. The Society President, Clifton H. Hubbell, will be completing two terms and, in accord with previous practice, will hand over the office to a new President. The membership will also elect officers and directors for the Scholarship Fund.

Directors who will rotate off the Board of Directors are Clifton H. Hubbell, George Kawaa Hubbell, Jr., Hilbert R. Hubble, James Windsor Hubbell, Jr., Jean N. (Mrs. John Howard) Hubbell, Dr. John P. Hubbell, Jr. and Bernice (Mrs. Edward C.) Treleven.

The Nominating Committee is chaired by Harlin D. Hubbell. Members of the committee are Barbara Dawes, Harold B. Hubbell and Myrna Hubbell Kepford.

The membership meeting will also include introduction of those in attendance, review of minutes, briefing about coming events, and reports on Society activities and projects.

The outgoing Board of Directors will meet the first evening of the Reunion, Tuesday, August 15, to review actions taken by the Executive Committee since the last biennial meeting and to discuss future activities of the Society. The Board of Directors of Hubbell Center will be elected at this meeting.

Committees of the Society and the Boards of Directors of its two corporations—Scholarship Fund and Hubbell Center—will meet on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 16. All society members are welcome to attend any of these meetings. Alternatively, members can use the time to enjoy Folsom (see article on page 3).

The general membership will meet again the morning of Friday, August 18. At this time, committees will report. Members will offer suggestions for future projects. Some of the most important projects of the Society have originated at these meetings. Proposals for location of the 1997 Biennial Reunion will be sought.



A son and son-in-law of Society member **Ruth Hubbell Cheney Ryan** (a138i) were honored in 1994. **Daniel Ryan, Jr.** was commissioned a colonel and assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon. Next July he is scheduled to take command of the Schofield Barracks near Hawaii. Her son-in-law, **James A. Joyner, Jr.**, received an award from Lockheed for his work as aerospace engineer in charge of civilians working at the Falcon Air Force Base on the launching of Milstar and then getting it into orbit.

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Society members **Terry and Tina Thorsen** of Everett, Washington, stopped in at the Society headquarters in Springfield, Missouri, last October. The Society uses the address of Jack Jerome Hubbell's Hubbell Mechanical Supply Company. Terry writes that Jack was out but that his staff "treated me like family." Terry's great grandmother was a Hubbell.

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In the past 25 years, Society member **Aureen Richardson** has initiated applications to the Canadian government for six bronze plaques recognizing historical people and institutions in her area of Ontario. These include a plaque erected in 1991 at Hubble Hill telling of the family's Loyalist heritage. Other plaques honor J. D. Kelly, artist of Canadian history; John Foote of Madoc, winner of the Victoria Cross; the 125th anniversary of St. James Anglican Church in Roseneath; native people in Alderville; and cheesemaking in Warkworth.

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**Suzann Eshleman** (Mrs. Kent Hovering Hubbell, 7660) of Ithaca, New York, writes that she purchased a blue and white Jacquard coverlet signed "Susan C. Hubbell, Tyrone, 1838" at an auction last fall in Trumansburg, New York. Susan C. Hubbell (1595) was the tenth and youngest child of Sullivan Davis Hubbell. She married Thomas E. Arnell in 1838, the date on the coverlet. Suzann says Kent and Susan C. do not have a common ancestor before the second generation but they are still thrilled to have the beautiful woven cloth.

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**Hilbert R. Hubble** (6525), vice-president of the Society, retired from GDE Systems in 1994 and started a new job with a small computer software firm in Columbia, Maryland. He is glad that he can commute there from their residence without travelling the dangerous Capital Beltway. Hilbert has completed his first year of piano lessons and had a recital early this year.

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Society member **Lucius W. Hubbell II** (5850) of Tulsa, Oklahoma, writes that he has a portrait of his great grandmother Betsy (Betsey) Shelton Hubbell, the wife of Samuel Hubbell (644) and mother of William Shelton Hubbell. She was born in 1794 and died in 1862. Lucius planned to

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send the painting to his second cousin John Howard Hubbell (5858) so that John's son Shelton can have it. Shelton is one of the Society's most distant members, being employed with Aramco in Saudi Arabia. The painting was handed on to Lucius by his aunt, Ruth Shelton Hubbell.

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**Mary Hubbell Kimmel** (5860) and her husband John of Caledonia, Wisconsin, enjoyed camping last June in Rocky Mountain National Park with their daughter Marge, son Glen and daughter Kitty. Kitty's husband Steve Verkuilen and their sons were also part of the family group. Later Mary and John camped in Cape Cod with Kitty and the boys before attending their son Col. Lawrence Kimmel's graduation from the War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Lawrence is now Defense Attache in Bonn, Germany.

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**Barbara Kruse** (2506e), who retired in 1993 after 43 years of work as an occupational therapist (15 years full time and 28 part time) now goes to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Northport, New York, as an OT volunteer, according to an article in the December 12, 1994 issue of the *Advance for Occupational Therapists*. Barbara says she can now take more time to converse with patients because she is not being paid. She is a member of the advocacy board for women veterans at the Veterans Administration (she served 2 1/2 years in the U.S. Marines) and is also involved with a community crafts group and organized a church program for seniors.

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**Lt. Col. (Ret.) Johnson Hubbell** (5583) of Fredericksburg, Virginia, was interested in the letter in the 1994 *Annual* about how the astronaut Edwin Hubble helped a young Captain construct range tables for heavy mortars at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland and is getting in touch with the writer, Dr. A. R. Taylor Denues. Johnson writes that he fired thousands of rounds of 4.2 mortar ammunition in the Korean War and later was an ammunition proof officer at Aberdeen.

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**Clifton and Esther Hubbell** (5199) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Downers Grove, Illinois, in February with a buffet luncheon for family and friends.

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**Ray and Rena Hubbell** (6336) of Corunna, Ontario, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in June.

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**Marjorie Hubbell Gibson** (6093) has been heavily involved in two projects for the Falmouth Genealogical Society on Cape Cod. One was researching for a booklet entitled *An Historical and Genealogical*

*Atlas and Guide to Barnstable County, Mass. (Cape Cod)*. Each of the 15 Cape towns is covered with a map and a page of text about where genealogical and historical resources can be found. The other project was a Cape Cod Genealogical Conference on May 6 and 7, 1995.

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**Jennifer Robin Hubbell** (8716), daughter of Society members Peggy and Clyde (Jack) Hubbell of Hubbell Drive in Ithaca, New York, received a B.S. degree with distinction from Cornell University last year.

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An article in *The Columbus Dispatch* of October 2, 1994 tells about **Linda Hubbell** of Johnstown, Ohio who tutors dozens of children at her Licking County farm. A veteran elementary teacher, Linda left the classroom four years ago with plans to take some college courses, write children's books and work on the family farm. But her willingness to tutor a few children of friends has become a fulltime job. Some

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

### Annual Dues

(Payable in U.S. or Canadian dollars)  
 Husband & wife, individuals .....\$15  
 Contributing member .....50  
 Proud to be a Hubbell/Hubble .....200  
 Societies and libraries .....10

Membership-reunion meetings are held every two years. The next Biennial will be in Folsom, California on August 15-20, 1995.

For information, write the Society  
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## FOLSOM OFFERS HISTORY, RECREATION AND SHOPS

Society members attending the seventh Biennial Reunion will have some free time Wednesday and Friday afternoons and several evenings to enjoy visiting in the Society's Hospitality Room or going to nearby Folsom for shopping and sightseeing.



1886 Mercantile Exchange

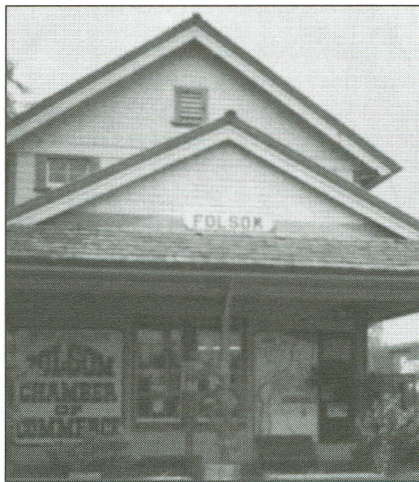
A special walking tour designed for kids will be conducted by a professional guide in the morning of Friday, August 18

Historic, gas lit Sutter Street, which is a block from the Biennial headquarters in the Radisson Inn at Lake Natoma, has scores of restored buildings from Gold Rush days. These buildings now house 120 specialty shops selling antiques, art, craft, fashion and jewelry, as well as several restaurants.

The Folsom History Museum on Sutter Street occupies the former Wells Fargo & Company Assay Office, the terminus of the Pony Express. The Museum offers a slide show about local Indian and gold rush history. Its



Folsom History Museum



Old Railroad Depot

gift shop has gold rush literature and mementoes.

A train depot which now houses the Chamber of Commerce and tourist information is the oldest west of the Mississippi. The first passenger train west of the Rockies steamed from Sacramento to Folsom on February 22, 1856. This linkage of mining camps around Folsom to riverboats playing from Sacramento to San Francisco ignited a boom around Folsom. Near the depot are old railroad cars and a blacksmith shop.

A hydro-electric powerhouse built in 1895 provided the first long distance elec-

tricity transmission in the world (to Sacramento). It can be visited from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. The site has breathtaking views of the American River and Rainbow Bridge.

Not far from Sutter Street at Natoma Station, built like a Spanish Mission, over 50 factory outlet stores offer famous brands at significant savings.

The Radisson Inn overlooks the smaller of two lakes in the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area. The larger one, Folsom Lake behind Folsom Dam, has 120 miles of shoreline and provides opportunity for fishing, boating, swimming and water skiing. The Recreation Area also offers nature study, hiking and horseback riding.



Radisson Inn at Lake Natoma



American River and Rainbow Bridge

## INDIANS CLAIM 80 ACRES IN BRIDGEPORT, CT.

A group of Indians known as the Golden Hill Paugausetts has brought suit claiming ownership of 80 acres in downtown Bridgeport, Connecticut, and 20 acres in Trumbull on the Pequonnek River north of Bridgeport, according to an article in the *New York Times* of November 19, 1994.

A note from Harold B. Hubbell says that the claimed acreage surely involved Hubbells. Golden Hill was an early community in the Main Street/Broad Street area in old Stratfield which is now eastern Bridgeport. It embraces one of the several sites where the United Congregational Church was

located. Land on Broad Street was deeded to the church in 1805 by Ezra Hubbell (353), continuing a tradition of Hubbells giving land to the church. Ezra's gift reverted to his heirs in 1924 when the church needed more space and the land would no longer be used for church purposes only.

Judge Peter C. Dorsey of the Federal District Court has said that an 1802 land sale by the Indians was in violation of a 1790 Indian Non-Intercourse Act which prohibited sale of Indian land without approval of the Federal Government. However, he dismissed the case because the

Golden Hill Paugausetts were not a Federally recognized tribe and so could not pursue their claim in a Federal Court.

This decision was overturned by the U.S. Court of Appeals, which concluded that the criteria for whether a tribe should be Federally recognized are not necessarily the same as whether it can bring suit in a Federal Court. The Appeals Court postponed a trial on the merits of the Indian claim for 18 months to give the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs time to act on the tribe's petition for Federal recognition.



## ROD HUBBLE PAINTS NEW MEXICO SCENES

Twenty-four oil paintings of New Mexico landscapes by Rod Hubble were exhibited last fall by the Wade Gallery of Taos, where Hubble lives.

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May 1992 issue of *New Mexico Magazine*.



**Winterlace, an oil on panel  
measuring 28 inches by 22 inches.**

An impressionist, Hubble paints some large scenes but intimate subjects such as sunlight filtering through water on stones are his favorites. He begins with a monochrome sketch over which the colored paint is laid. He explains that the drawing is fairly precise in the focal area but loses detail in subordinate areas. He uses rich colors and strong brushwork.

An article in the *New Mexico Magazine* of May 1992 reports that Hubble had received 17 awards in juried exhibitions. One of his paintings was included in the American Painters Bicentennial Exhibition in Paris in 1976 and another was on the American Train in Japan in 1988-89.



## WORD FROM THE TRADING POST

Shirley A. Harding, Curator of the Hubbell Trading Post National Historical Site in Arizona, writes that as she develops inventories of the Lorenzo Hubbell papers, the Post will share information with the Hubbell Center in Des Moines.

The Trading Post is an honorary member of the Society. Ms. Harding says that the *Annual* and *Family Notes* are routed to staff members and then retained in the Hubbell Trading Post Library.

### *An Apology*

Several people have called my attention to the omission of Beryl Hubbell's name from the Necrology page of the 1994 *Annual*.

After I wrote the half-page article about Beryl for the fall issue of *Family Notes*, I failed to transfer the notice of her death to the folder for the *Annual*. My sincere apologies to her family and friends.  
Robert L. Hubbell, *Editor*

## PETE HANSEN LEADS SCOUTS ON 8-DAY ALASKA SNOW TREK

Society member Dr. Peter Hansen (4672) led a group of three Boy Scouts working toward their Eagle rank and two fathers besides himself on an 8-day, 1,000 mile-plus trek by snow machine from Lake Lucille to Nome along the northern route of the Iditarod trail from February 17 to 25, 1995.

An article in the March 6 *Peninsula Clarion* quotes Pete "It was a lot of fun. It was kind of an experience of a lifetime." He said the wind blew so hard the snow was like small pieces of glass and the wind chill factor was 70° below zero. Everyone placed duct tape on their foreheads, cheeks, noses and chins to prevent freeze burn.

At villages along the way, the group promoted Scouting, talking to children in schools. The group was met by villagers throughout the trip. They were fed well and slept in schools, churches, roadhouses and a couple of private homes. One night they slept outdoors because the cabin at Rohn Roadhouse was full. They were in a tent surrounded by snowbanks at 36° below. The toughest part was crawling out of the warm sleeping bags the next morning.

The Scouts also left markers along the trail. Trail markings were sometimes non-existent. The snow machines tried to stay within 50 feet of each other and used hand signals. Crossing the frozen Norton Bay, they used a compass when ground fog cut visibility. The longest trek, from McGrath to Ruby, was about 230 miles. It took 14 hours.



## MICHAEL HUBBELL BUILDS SENIOR LIVING PROJECTS



**Michael  
Hubbell**

Michael Hubbell (8491) is now the Chief Executive Officer for the Iowa Group which develops senior living centers in small Iowa towns. He recently resigned as senior vice president of the Hubbell Realty Co., which leased the Hubbell Center to the Society for \$1 a year for 10 years.

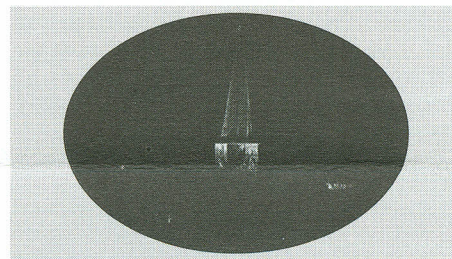
An article in the *Des Moines Register* of January 16, 1995, reports that the Iowa Group's senior living projects are generally single story buildings with 18 to 25 apartment-like units and with common areas. Michael says the company will try to form partner arrangements with a local hospital or development group. The project in Jefferson has Green County Hospital as a partner and a new project in Clive is a part-

## CLEOBURY CHURCH WINS AWARD FOR RESTORED SPIRE

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin in the village of Cleobury Mortimer near Richard's Castle in Herefordshire, England, was selected by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings as winner of the 1994 Sir John Betjeman Memorial Award for the high quality of its repairs to its spire.

This church had prepared a special exhibit of photostats of 17th century parish records about Hubballs for the Society group which toured England last June. (Reported in the fall 1994 issue of *Family Notes*. The 1994 *Annual* had an article about Richard's Castle).

In appreciation for the church's work on behalf of the Society (their exhibit is now at Hubbell Center), the Society's Executive Committee sent a donation of £100. The Rev. Robert Horsfield, Vicar of Cleobury Mortimer, wrote to thank the Society and told of the award.



**Spire at Cleobury Mortimer photographed  
on Christmas Eve 1993 shortly after com-  
pletion of the repairs.**

The spire probably dates from the 14th century, judging by the method of construction. Its nine main timbers, each about 120 feet long, are made from shorter lengths joined by scissor splices, an unusual type of joint not known to be used later than the 14th century.

This early date means that Cleobury's spire is not just a local curiosity because of its twist but also a rare structure of national importance because of its age. Most of its contemporaries have been destroyed by rot or fire. In 1993, the timber framework was strengthened, new oak shingles were fitted and new guttering installed.

ner with Mercy Hospital. Other projects are under way in Creston and Tama.

Michael believes there is a growing need for residential options for retirees who do not want the headaches of home ownership but do want to stay in their communities. He also sees the projects as helping communities by freeing up houses for resale.



## COMPUTER USERS RESPOND TO FALL QUESTIONNAIRE

Carol Hubbell Boggs reports that she has received a number of responses to the questionnaire in the fall 1994 issue of *Family Notes* about use of computers for genealogical work. She hopes that more Society members will add to the information received.

You reported that you use fairly basic computers, mostly IBMs or clones, mostly 386's. Modems are in use, although their benefits are mixed. Some have success with America OnLine's genealogy services, others with Prodigy. Some have tried the National Genealogical Society with little success. Others have sampled Internet's genealogy offerings and Everton's on-line services.

Genealogy programs include Cumberland Family Tree, PAF of the Latter Day Saints, Brothers Keeper by John Steed and Banner Blue's Family Tree Maker for Windows. Strong points of programs are clarity, simplicity and use of examples.

Word processing programs include Word Perfect, Word Star and Word Perfect for Windows.

Some problems encountered were label printing, "gremlins", backing up/restoring files, and getting started with new computers once used to old ones.

Publications used by respondents were those of local historical and genealogical societies, the *Nutmegger* of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, the *Register* of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society, the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and Everton's *Genealogical Helper*.

Carol says the recent merger of the New England Society publication with *The New England Computer Genealogist* looks great. In the January issue, Jeri Steele reviewed a book by Elizabeth Powell Crewe entitled *Genealogy OnLine, Researching Your Roots* which covers all the topics mentioned in this article and much more.

Carol proposes that if someone were to bring a laptop to the Reunion next August complete with PAF or other GEDCOM software, she and they could do some high tech sharing. Any takers? Carol's E-Mail address is HubbelGen@aol.com and her postal address is 560 Brisbane Drive, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514-9689.

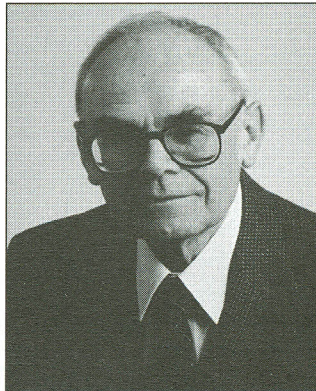


## NUCLEAR DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY HONORS JOHN H. HUBBELL

The Nuclear Engineering Department of the University of Michigan honored Society member John Howard Hubbell of Rockville, Maryland, as its 1995 Outstanding Alumnus at ceremonies in April of this year. John received a bachelor's degree in Engineering Physics in 1949 and a master's degree in physics in 1950.

The citation mentions John's current office of President of the International Radiation Physics Society (IRPS), his years of research at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and his development of various physics computational solutions. Details about John's achievements were given on page 17 of the 1993 *Annual*.

In February of this year, John presided



John H. Hubbell

over a meeting of directors of the IRPS in Jaipur, India. Then in April, just after the Michigan award, he and his wife Jean went

to the 51st meeting of the Japanese Society of Radiological Technology in Nagoya, Japan. There John gave a lecture on "45 years with X-ray Interactions and Applications" which included 80 slides. He also gave the same lecture at research institutes in Kyoto and Osaka.

Unfortunately, Jean tripped and broke her wrist in Kyoto and they came home a week earlier than planned. The break is healing

well and full function of the wrist will be recovered, so that Jean can take minutes as Recording Secretary at the Biennial Reunion in August.

## WHITE HILLS MAN DIES AT AGE 94

On September 29, 1994, Leroy Beaver Hubbell (5840) of White Hills, Connecticut, died at age 94. Leroy was born and raised in White Hills and spent most of his working life there. He was the father of Society member Richard Leroy Hubbell, who also lives in White Hills.

Hubbells have lived in White Hills since 1707. Society members have visited it twice, as part of the Biennial Reunions of

1983 and 1993.

Leroy's passing marks the end of an era in two ways. He was the last of his generation. Also, his working life was spent in ways which are no longer the pattern. He was a farmer and a teamster who was a great lover of horses. One of his many jobs was dragging timber to the sawmill to be cut into railroad ties.

## NEW BIOGRAPHY OF EDWIN HUBBLE BY CHRISTIANSON

A new biography entitled *Edwin Hubble, Mariner of the Nebulae* about the astronomer for whom the space telescope was named was announced in August 1994 for issuance between March and August 1995 by Farrar Strauss Giroux publishers.

The author is Gale Christianson, chairman of the History Department at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. Christianson is also the author of *In the Presence of the Creator: Isaac Newton and His Times*, which was acclaimed by reviewers.

The new book is characterized as "at once a revealing portrait of scientific genius, an incisive, engaging history of ideas, and a shimmering evocation of what we see when gazing at the stars."

The notice says that Hubble was a tall, handsome and charismatic man who moved

as easily around circles of celebrity as through the halls of science. He was courted by the cream of 1930's Hollywood society — Frank Capra, Anita L o o s , Charlie Chaplin — and was friendly with the California emigre community, which included Thomas Mann, Bertolt Brecht, and Sergey Eisenstein.

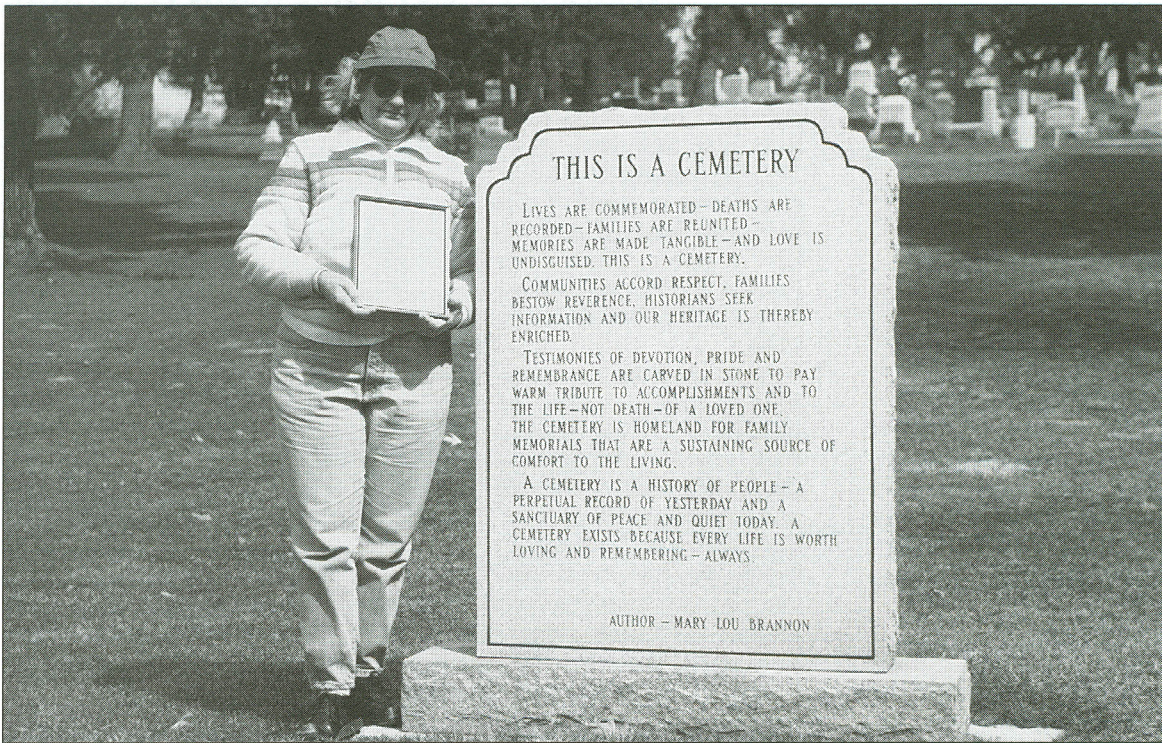


Edwin Powell Hubble

The book is 432 pages. Its price is \$25.



## GENEALOGY GROUP HONORS PETERSON



Jean Hubbell Peterson at Linwood Cemetery, Dubuque, Iowa, with Certificate of Appreciation for recording headstones.

The Dubuque County / Key City Genealogical Society presented Jean Hubbell Peterson with a framed Certificate of Appreciation at its annual meeting on February 8, 1995, in Dubuque, Iowa.

The certificate cites Jean's work as Corresponding Secretary and especially as a member of the Township Book and

Cemetery Committee. In the latter capacity she has recorded all the names in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery and in Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery. She has started work on Linwood Cemetery, the largest non-Catholic cemetery in the city.

These three cemeteries are all within walking distance of Jean and Lyle's house.

Jean goes out to them for her daily exercise in decent weather. She has also helped record in several other cemeteries which are farther away, going to them on group outings one Saturday a month.

Jean has served the Hubbell Society as a director and as editor of *Family Notes*. She is now a director of the Hubbell Center.

### TED HUBBELL DIES, WAS CONTRIBUTING SOCIETY MEMBER

Theodore A. "Ted" Hubbell (7589) died at his home in Stuart, Florida, on January 9 at age 71. He has been a member of the Society since its inception and a contributing member since that class was established.

Ted was born and spent most of his life in Naugatuck, Connecticut, where a forebear was an original settler. His daughters, Nancy Kausyla and Susan Jones, live in Naugatuck. Nancy is a Society director and Susan is a member. His wife Rita is in Stuart, Florida, and Ted, Jr. is in Thomaston, Connecticut.

Ted served abroad the U.S.S. North Carolina in the North Pacific in World War II and was awarded 18 battle stars. For 38 years, he worked at Naugatuck Chemical. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, a talented gardener and skilled carver of wooden duck decoys.

### ROSEMARY AND LEONARD WIRKUS BOTH DIE

Rosemary Hubbell Wirkus (6962) died January 1, 1995 after a long fight with Alzheimer's disease. Her services to the Society and her contributions to its publications were described on page 2 of the April 1994 *Family Notes*.

Just a month after Rosemary's death, her husband Leonard V. Wirkus passed away. They had been married 49 years. Leonard

had a master's degree from the University of Miami and taught at Citrus Grove Junior High School. After retirement, he owned and operated a trailer park off Route US 1 near Miami Shores until its sale in 1988. In World War II he received the Distinguished Flying Cross with two clusters for service in Italy, France and Germany.

#### FROM YOUR EDITOR . . .

#### PLEASE, DON'T FORGET ME

*Family Notes* is made possible by your taking the time to let me know what's going on with you and your family. Everyone can catch up with the news and we love to hear from you!

You can send letters, clippings and pictures to Society headquarters or directly to me:

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## NEW PRICE SET FOR “ADDITIONS & REVISIONS”

The new price for the forthcoming volume of *Additions & Revisions to the History & Genealogy of the Hubbell Family* will be \$65 U.S. and \$90 Canadian for Society members and an additional \$15 for non-members. The pre-publication price of \$40 U.S. and \$54 Can. had been valid until May 1.

The new book will have 1168 pages, 205 more than the 1986 reprint of the *History & Genealogy*. Of the 1168 pages, some 912 had revisions during the printing process. The size of the book and the number of corrections, together with an increase in paper cost, has resulted in costs considerably in excess of estimates when the pre-publication price was determined in 1993.

Final proofs for the new book have now been returned to the publisher, leaving the processes of printing, binding and mailing. While both the publisher and Harold B. Hubbell have given up making predictions about delivery dates, sometime this summer seems fairly certain.

## RETIRES AFTER 34 YEARS WORK ON TOWN ROADS



**Jon Hubbell**

John Henry Hubbell (7423) retired last July after 34 years of work with the Highway Department of Enfield, New York, as a heavy machinery operator. An article in the *Ithaca Journal* of July 30 quotes several Enfield officials

who praised Jon for his versatility and dependability. Said one, “Jon has been on 24-hours call. He had to plan his life around the job.”

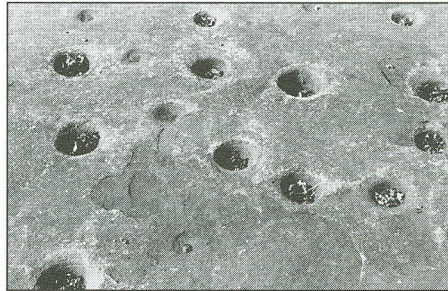
Jon retired at age 55 with a three-quarters State pension so that he could spend full time working The Hubbell Farms, which were started by his great grandfather. The farm has 300 acres of crops and about 50 head of beef cattle. A bachelor, John lives on the farm with his 89-year old mother Hilda.

For years Jon has done the bulk of the work on the farm, and since his father died two years ago has done it all. He said he was looking forward to not being so rushed. He planned to sleep until 6 a.m. instead of 4:30 and quit work by suppertime instead of 10 p.m.

He is a cousin of society member Clyde (Jack) Hubbell.

## BUS TOUR GOES TO INDIAN AND GOLD VILLAGES

A visit to the Chaw-Se Indian Grinding Rock State Historical Park and to the gold rush villages of Volcano and Jackson is one of two bus tours which Society members can choose on Saturday, August 19, as part of the program of the Biennial Reunion of the Society.



**Grinding rock at Chaw-Se Park. Each hole was a mortar in which acorns were ground with a pestle.**

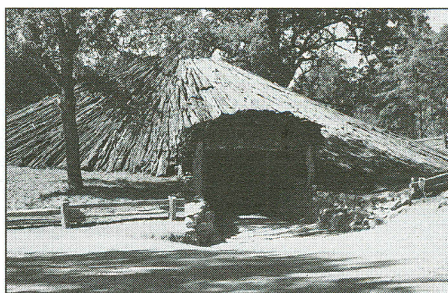
Indian tribes arrived in California at least 4,000 (maybe 8,000) years before William Barker Hubbell got hungry for



**Indian homes at Chaw-Se Park**

gold. The Chaw-Se Park was a major village site. It is a 65-minute drive from Folsom. The local Miwok tribe has done a lot of work on buildings. The museum includes artifacts and exhibits about 10 Sierra Nevada tribes.

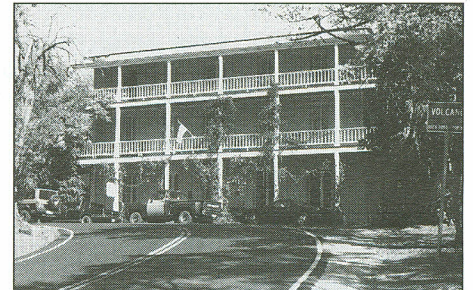
The park takes its name of Indian Grinding Rock from an area of limestone bedrock with hemispherical holes which served as mortars where acorns were pounded to meal with pestles. The acorns has previously been dried, cracked and shelled. The inner husks were removed by



**Religious meeting house at Chaw-Se Park**

rubbing and winnowing. After grinding, the meal was placed over a bed of grass or evergreen boughs so that water could be poured over it to leach out the bitter tannic acid. Then the meal was cooked in boiling water.

From Chaw-Se the bus will descend into



**St. George's Hotel in Volcano**

a crater-like depression to Volcano, a village of 100 people. Robert J. Hubbell of the Program Committee writes that Volcano is a neat, well-preserved un-touristy mining

town that will make the film sellers happy. One of its old buildings is the three-story St. George's Hotel. Another is a stone building built in 1856 as the Bavarian Brewery, one of three in Volcano which “helped maintain the spirits of the miners.” It is now a private residence.

On the way back to Folsom, the bus will stop in the town of Jackson, which is noted for its Kennedy Wheels, a device for getting people and loads in and out of a deep mine shaft.



**1856 Bavarian Brewery in Volcano**



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students need help with a particular subject; others are home-school students who come to Linda for several hours. Linda is the wife of David Lee Hubbell (9146), a great-nephew of Society member Harlin Hubbell.

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Society member **Judge Floyd E. Hubbell** (6131) wrote two letters to the Society. The first reported that about a year ago he visited the Masonic Cemetery in Las Vegas, New Mexico, where his great grandparents, Judge Sidney Auger Hubbell and Maria Ignacia Perea Hubbell, are buried. (See New Mexico chapter of *Hubbell Pioneers*). He was surprised that their graves were unmarked. He planned to return in May of this year to arrange about grave markers. He thought possibly other descendants might be interested in having a part in this project (Sidney and Ignacia had 13 children). A more recent letter says he has learned that local and Indian custom was to leave graves unidentified. Floyd will respect the custom.

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The *Trane Wholesalers Hotline*, a quarterly publication for wholesalers of Trane air conditioning equipment, has an article in its winter issue about **Jack Jerome Hubbell** (7033) and the Hubbell Society. Jack's business, the Hubbell Mechanical Supply Inc. serves as headquarters for the Society, providing storage space for the Society's books and souvenirs. Jack's staff does the packaging and shipping to Society members. Jack has served as a Society Director and as President of Hubbell Center.

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Society members **Leon** (8371) and **Firm Hubble** of Bettendorf, Iowa, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, April 9 at the home of their daughter and son-in-law Barbara and James Cato in Davenport, Iowa. Leon and Firm were married April 8, 1945 in Craig, Colorado. They have another daughter, Sharon Hubble, of Irving, Texas, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Leon retired from Alcoa Aluminum Co. in 1985.

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California August 15-20, Center Directors for 1995-97 will be appointed by the Society Directors. The Center has scheduled its next meeting for early December in Des Moines.

The Center is located at 904 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa. It is not open outside the scheduled hours of 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturdays of each month but would-be visitors may telephone Patricia Dawson in advance at 515-987-1234 to determine whether she may be working at other hours.

Two postcards announcing the Center opening were mailed to members by the printer. The second mailing was a mistake and will not be charged to the Center.

**HELP IS NEEDED IN LOCATING MISSING PERSONS**

The Society has received two requests for help in finding missing Hubbells. This is a search for living people rather than a question of genealogical research.

The first request is from Eppie Vance Clanton, who was a friend of William R. Hubbell during World War II when he was stationed at the Greenville Air Force Base in Greenville, Mississippi in 1943. The last correspondence from him was dated February 1944. He was with the 439th Fighter Squadron at Dale Mabry Field in Tallahassee, Florida, waiting to go overseas. Eppie would appreciate hearing anything about William, especially whether he survived the war.

The second appeal is from the farmers who own a private burial plot near Archie, Missouri. They are seeking descendants of Alexander and Virginia Rosa Wilson Hubbell. Alexander was Director of the Archie School District who resigned in April 1898. He and Rosa had several children who are buried in the private cemetery. Alexander was born August 27, 1847 in Ohio. Rosa was born August 7, 1848 in Missouri. Rosa died January 21, 1918 in Adams County, Colorado. Alexander died February 21, 1936 and is buried in Brighton Cemetery, Brighton County, Colorado.

If you can help with either plea, please contact Carol Hubbell Boggs, our Queries Editor. Her address is 5601 Brisbane Drive, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514-9689 and her telephone is 919/967-3646.

**BOOK DESCRIBES TELESCOPE STRUGGLES**

*The Hubble Wars*, a 386-page book by Eric J. Chaisson, describes the three-way war between science, government and industry after the Hubble Space Telescope was launched in 1990 and found to have a flawed primary mirror. It is sometimes hilarious and sometimes frightening.

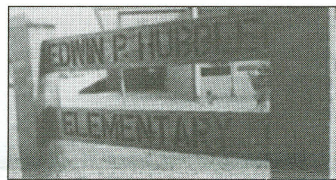
Chaisson worked for five years as an astrophysicist with the Hubble project. He is now a professor with a joint appointment in physics, astronomy and education at Tufts University, and is affiliated with Harvard and MIT. The book is based on his journals.

The book states that Edwin Powell Hubble, the astronomer for whom the telescope is named, perhaps changed our view of the universe more than any person since Galileo. Chaisson judges the telescope to be neither a triumph nor a tragedy, but the best aid for viewing the cosmos, with consequences still unfolding.

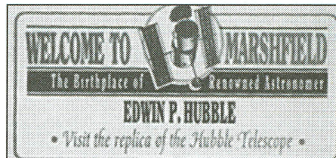
*The Hubble Wars* is published by Harper Collins. A hard cover edition lists at \$27.50 U.S. (37.95 Canadian). Crown Books sells it for \$22.00. A soft cover version came out in May with a list price of \$15 (13.50 at Crown).

**MARSHFIELD AGAIN HONORS ASTRONOMER**

The City of Marshfield, Missouri, has honored its native son, the astronomer Edwin P. Hubble, in two new ways.



One of its schools is now named "Edwin P. Hubble Elementary." Its other elementary school has been named for Daniel Webster, whose hometown was Marshfield, Massachusetts.



The other honor consists of signs on Interstate 44 welcoming visitors to the birthplace of the renowned astronomer and inviting them to see the replica of the Hubble telescope (article in fall 1994 issue of *Family Notes*).

Wirkus' extensive holdings of interesting family material. It is hoped this can be added to the Center's collections. The possibility of sponsoring an exhibit of Carl Hubbell Memorabilia was given preliminary consideration.

Directors attending the meeting were Richard Durbin, Clifton Hubbell, Harvey Hubbell IV, Jack Jerome Hubbell, Myrna Hubbell Kepford, Secretary, and Harold B. Hubbell, President. Jean Hubbell Peterson was absent. Also present were James W. Hubbell, Jr., Treasurer, and James W. Hubbell III, President of Hubbell Realty Co., which owns the Hubbell Building where the Center is located.

At the Society's reunion in Folsom,

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ly members. The Board changed by-laws to expand the Board by three members and candidates for these vacancies are being sought for election at the Biennial Reunion in August.

Society member Dick Durbin (2923b) of Muncie, Indiana, was elected a new director to replace Robert Lamson Hubbell, who resigned for personal reasons. Dick and James W. Hubbell, Jr., Treasurer of Hubbell Center, will head a group to plan for raising an endowment to help support Center programs.

Harvey Hubbell IV reported on his inspection of the late Rosemary Hubbell



## REYNOLDS STARTS NEW SERIES OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Jan Reynolds (Mrs. Javin Pierce), daughter-in-law of the Society's Corresponding Secretary Claire Hubbell Pierce, is starting a second series of children's books on vanishing cultures, according to an article in the December 1994 issue of *Snow Country*.

The first series consisted of seven books published by Harcourt, Brace & Co. about people whose way of life is fast disappearing, such as the Tauregs of the Sahara, Semis of northern Scandinavia and aborigines of Australia. The series won the Parents' Choice Award from a foundation which critiques books for children.

Jan has started revisiting the families she previously lived with in order to explore the folklore, rather than the daily lives, of each culture. She was on such a revisit when she and Javin were married at Namche Bazaar, a high mountain village near Mt. Everest (see fall 1994 *Family Notes*). The family depicted in *Vanishing Cultures' Himalaya* was part of the marriage ceremony.

The new books will be illustrated with native artwork rather than photographs. Jan explains that when kids see photos, as in the first series, they know what they're seeing is real. Now she hopes they will learn about each culture's perspective of the world through its art.

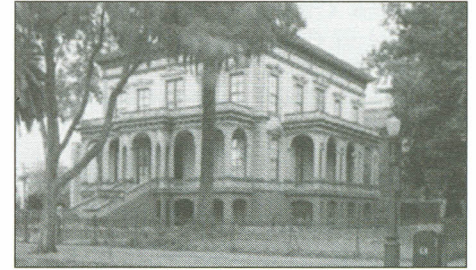
Jan gave birth to a son, Bodhi Briggs Pierce, last August in Stowe, Vermont. Bodhi accompanied his parents on their recent trip to Prague where Jan lectured to Czech teachers about vanishing cultures.

## DO YOUR OWN THING ON VISIT TO SACRAMENTO

The bus tour to Sacramento, one of two options for Saturday, August 19, at the Biennial Reunion, will let people roam on their own in the Old Sacramento area along the river, enjoying the historic rides, museums, shops and eating places.



Sacramento Waterfront



Crocker Art Museum

Before dropping off people, the bus will have driven past Sutter Fort, stopped for a guided tour of the State Capitol, and looped around the 4-block by 2-block area of Old Sacramento so we can see where things are.

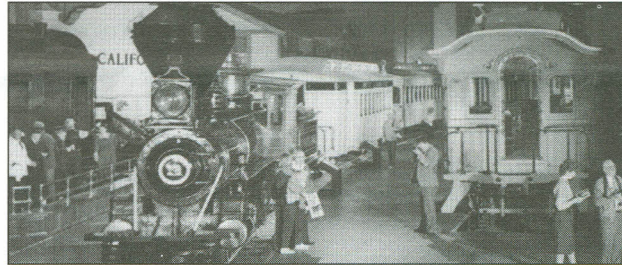
In Old Sacramento, the waterfront reproduces an 1870 scene with sailing vessels and paddle wheeler steamboats. You can ride along the Sacramento River in a steam train, take a trip on an authentic riverboat or ride in a horse drawn wagon.

The California State Railroad Museum

is the largest of its kind in North America. It features beautifully restored locomotives and cars from the 1860's to the 1960's.

The Discovery Museum has displays about Sacramento cultural history, science and technology.

Crocker Art Museum in a magnificent Victorian building is located a few blocks from Old Sacramento. It is known for its collection of early California painting, old master drawings, and contemporary work of northern California artists.



California State Railroad Museum

### RESERVE YOUR HOTEL SEPARATELY

Members attending the Biennial Reunion should make their own arrangements for lodging.

The Reunion will be held in the Radisson Inn at Lake Natoma, which is giving a special rate to the family. Its address is:

702 Gold Lake Drive  
Folsom, CA 95630

Its telephone is:  
916/317-1500.

Be sure to ask for the special Hubbell rate.

Alternative motels and RV parks were listed in the mailings about the Reunion. None of these are within walking distance of the Radisson Inn.

### BIENNIAL REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

REUNION REGISTRATION FEE (\$5 a person or \$10 a family) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Day trip to 3 gold rush towns: Coloma, Placerville and Sutter's Creek (visit Hubbell store)

Bus fare and lunch \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$37 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Walking tour of Folsom in morning for kids \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$9 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Choice of day trips:

Old Sacramento — bus fare (lunch on your own) \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$23 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Country Tour (Chaw Se Park, Volcano and Jackson) \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$37 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bus fare and lunch \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NON-MEMBER SURCHARGE** — \$10 (Not for spouses/minors of members) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP DUES** — \$15 (If you have not paid for 1995) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return form with check payable to **H.F.H.S.** to: **Nancy Hubbell Moses, 7425 Convair Way, Citrus Heights, CA 845621.**



## THE POT OF GOLD AND PEOPLE WHO STIRRED THE POT

The featured speaker at the Saturday night banquet of the Biennial Reunion August 19 will be R. J. Bob Hubbell (5861) of Camino, California. His topic will be "The Pot of Gold and the People Who Stirred the Pot."

Bob says that Society members will have seen Gold Rush sites and heard various facts during the week. He will add flavor, with a bit about geology and climate and more about the feelings of people involved.

The holder of a B.S. Degree in forest management from Michigan State University, Bob is currently a private consultant for owners of small to medium sized forest properties who wish to do something on their land and keep within environmental protection requirements—"applied ecology in a wildland setting." He is Registered Professional Forester #34 in California and Professional Erosion and Sediment Control Specialist #116 in the nation.

Close relatives of Bob's at the banquet will include his brother and two sisters and their spouses: John Howard and Jean Hubbell of Rockville, Maryland; Jean McCabe of Staten Island, New York; and Mary and John Kimmel of Caledonia,

## SCHEDULE FOR THE 1995 BIENNIAL

*Radisson Inn Resort, Folsom, California*

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| <b>Tuesday, August 15</b>   | — Evening Welcoming Reception, <i>Hospitality Room open</i>   |
| <b>Wednesday, August 16</b> | — Membership and Committee Meetings<br>Optional activities in neighboring areas                             |
| <b>Thursday, August 17</b>  | — Bus trip to Gold Rush towns of Coloma, Placerville, and Sutters Creek (visit Hubbell Store built in 1865) |
| <b>Friday, August 18</b>    | — Membership and Committee Meetings<br>Walking tour in Folsom designed for kids                             |
| <b>Saturday, August 19</b>  | — Bus trips to either Sacramento or to Chaw-Se Indian Park and two Gold Rush villages<br>Banquet            |
| <b>Sunday, August 20</b>    | — Members attend church of their choice   |

Wisconsin. All are Society members. Two of his three sons, James of Logan, Utah and Richard of Long Beach, California, also expect to attend.

Bob and his wife, Marjory, are members of the Program Committee which is arranging the Biennial under the chairmanship of Clifford and Nancy Hubbell Moses. Bob and Marjory will be in the Hospitality Room during the week to answer queries about trips in the area.

See You at the  
Biennial Reunion  
in  
Folsom,  
California!



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