



# FAMILY NOTES



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## Albuquerque Reunion Update

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Spring is here and the reunion is right around the corner! We have a few updates to the schedule which follows.

**Friday Field trip** - we will take a 56 mile bus trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico, the "City Different" on Friday! The city was founded in 1609; as the nation's oldest state capital, it has also served under four flags. Home to a fascinating blend of art - it is the nation's second largest art market (after New York) and abounds in galleries to enjoy. The city is steeped in over four hundred years of history - many Hubbells served in the state legislature, as judges and other positions. We will leave from the Rio Grande Best Western at 8:30 AM. Lunch will be in Santa Fe. The tour includes the Palace of the Governors, where Lew Wallace wrote *Ben Hur* while he was territorial governor. The end point of the Santa Fe Trail is the La Fonda Hotel located right on the plaza, where we will enjoy lunch. Afterward, you may tour the Georgia O'Keffe Museum, the Fine Arts Museum, the American Indian Museum, the Loretto Chapel - home of the Miraculous Staircase - the oldest church with a bell cast in 1352 and brought up the long trail ride from Mexico City. Many fascinating shops to explore are nearby. You can purchase items directly from the Native Americans selling their wares under "El Portal" of the Palace of the Governors. You can wander on your own if you wish. We will take the bus back to Albuquerque at 5:30 PM, arriving at 6:30 PM. Santa Fe is a lovely city, and several local cousins will be going along to ensure people enjoy themselves. The price, including lunch, is \$75. You can

add it to your registration form or decide to register when you arrive at the reunion.

**An Albuquerque Friday** - If you don't opt for the trip to Santa Fe, there is much to see within two blocks of the hotel! It is one block's distance to "Old Town" founded in 1706; the Natural History Museum; the planetarium; The Dynamax Theater; the "Explora!" hands-on museum; the Albuquerque History Museum; or the National Atomic Museum. Friday is also a great day to walk to the Albuquerque Botanical Gardens and Aquarium exhibits, "Streams in the Desert". For those who want to do a little genealogy, work we recommend the Old Main branch of the Albuquerque Public Library as well as the Albuquerque Museum. Join with your cousins and wander. There's a lot to do in Albuquerque!

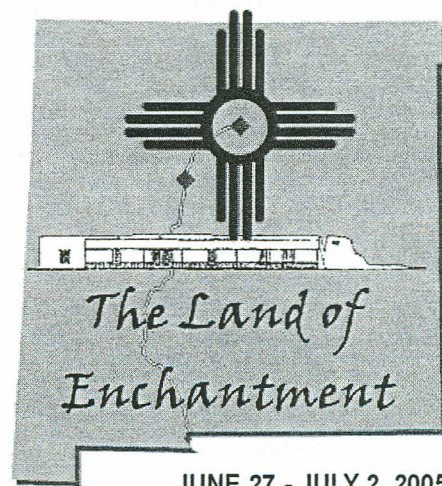
**Luggage Storage for the Trading Post field trip.** For those of you going out to the Navajo Reservation, we have reserved a room to store all of our luggage. So just pack an overnight bag and head out to the "big res" and leave your larger bag at home in the hotel. The overnight trip to the Navajo reservation INCLUDES the cost of the hotel and all meals, at \$160 per person. The hotel is the Holiday Inn in Chinle, AZ - right at the gates of the Canyon De Chelly.

**The Group Photo** will be taken at the Hubbell House Dinner on June 30. We will be using a big tent this year with lots of shade and comfortable chairs and tables in the tent. There will also be tours of the house and the fields. The house is under reconstruction so we will not be eating inside. We will have buses continually running back and forth to the Hotel so you may retire early. The full

event time is 6 - 9 PM. There will also be a number of family cars if you need to be run back before a bus is available. We are also redoing the menu for more eastern food since some people were unaccustomed to the New Mexican food provided at the dinner we had there last year.

**Hot Air Balloon rides** will be available on the morning of July 1. We are the Hot Air Balloon capital of the world! There is no other feeling like drifting along in the still of a crisp morning on the air currents and viewing the sun rise and the city awakening. This is an early morning event - we leave the hotel at 5:30 AM. You could catch the tour to Santa Fe as well. The rate is \$125 per person. Please email me if you would like to join this group.

### The Hubbell Family Historical Society Twelfth Biennial Reunion



JUNE 27 - JULY 2, 2005  
 ALBUQUERQUE, NM

**SEE THE UPDATED REUNION  
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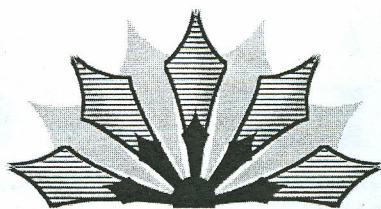
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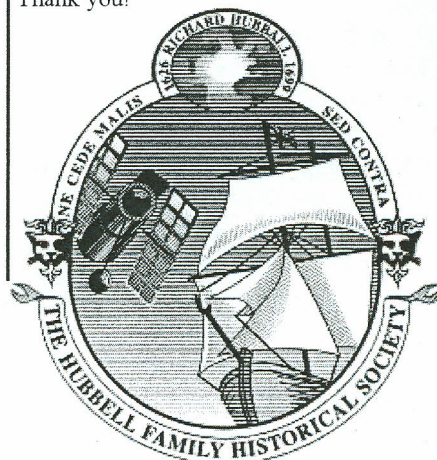
### Correction:

In the *2004 Annual* Necrology, Garry Roy Hubbell was inadvertently listed twice, the second entry with the dates of 05/02/1940 - 05/29/2004 is the correct entry. The Editor apologizes for the error.

### Returned Mail:

We have been notified by USPS that mail to the following person was marked "Undeliverable - No forwarding address".

**Jill Hubbell, 10 Meadow Brook Place, The Woodlands, TX 77382.** If you have an updated address for this member or others to report, please contact the Society. Thank you!



## THE HUBBELL FAMILY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*The mission of The Hubbell Family Historical Society is to research the genealogy, preserve the history, recognize the achievements, and promote fellowship for the descendants of Richard Hubbell, the immigrant.*

A volunteer, not-for-profit organization founded in 1981, incorporated in 1982. The Society invites membership from descendants of Richard Hubbell of England and New Haven Colony, Connecticut, from persons interested in genealogy and history, and from organizations supporting such activities.

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**Reunions:**

Membership-reunion meetings are held every two years. The next Biennial will be held at Albuquerque, NM, June 27 - July 2, 2005.

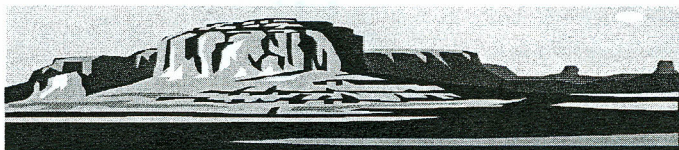
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## Pre-Reunion Hubbell Trading Post Field Trip

~ June 27 ~	
7:00 p.m.	Orientation session at Best Western Rio Grande Inn for field trip participants.
~ June 28 ~	
8:00 a.m.	Board coach(es), depart from Best Western Rio Grande Inn in Albuquerque. View Window Rock and Navajo Nation Park.
12:00 noon	Lunch at Quality Inn (formerly the Navajo Nation Inn, featured in many of Tony Hillerman's novels) in Window Rock for buffet lunch.
1:30 p.m.	Depart Window Rock. Stop at Lower Greasewood trading post. Stop at Dam Site. Go to Hubbell Trading Post in Ganado. Stay for tours, visit trading post, see Visitors Center, (possible group photo with our Navajo cousins). Our Navajo cousins are also planning music for the evening's entertainment. Depart Hubbell Trading Post for Holiday Inn Chinle. Arrive at Holiday Inn Chinle, stay overnight.
~ June 29 ~	
7:00 a.m.	Buffet Breakfast at the Holiday Inn Chinle.
8:30 a.m.	Depart Holiday Inn Chinle.
9:00 a.m.	Visit White House Ruin overlook in Canyon de Chelly National Park. Visit Spider Rock overlook in Canyon de Chelly National Park.
11:30 a.m.	Arrive at Thunderbird Lodge for shopping in gift shop and lunch (on your own) at Thunderbird Café.
1:00 p.m.	Depart from Thunderbird Lodge.
4:00 p.m.	Arrive at Best Western Rio Grande Inn in Albuquerque.

The ticket price of \$160 per person (based on double occupancy) for this field trip includes:

- ◆ Round trip transportation from the Best Western Rio Grande Inn in Albuquerque
- ◆ Lodging for one night at the Holiday Inn in Chinle (double occupancy, see registration form)
- ◆ Dinner and entertainment with our Navajo cousins at the Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site
- ◆ Lunch on June 28 and Breakfast on June 29
- ◆ Snacks and bottled water
- ◆ Navajo guided tours
- ◆ Field trip handouts

Please bring comfortable, casual clothes that can be worn in layers and sturdy walking shoes with good socks. A hat is recommended, as well as a jacket or sweater after sunset, evenings can be quite cool. Bring cash for souvenirs at the trading posts that are still operating, your camera (refer to the "Traveling Among the Navajo" publication from the Hubbell Trading Post), and sunscreen.

## Updated Schedule The Hubbell Family Historical Society Twelfth Biennial Reunion:

~ June 29 ~	
1:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Registration Open.
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	THFHS Board Meeting. (Yes, the bus will be back on time from the reservation.)
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Meet and Greet Mixer at the Best Western Rio Grande Inn (BWRGI) join us for snacks, lemonade, and iced tea.
7:00 p.m.	Dinner (on your own, in family groups, or with newly met cousins).

~ June 30 ~	
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Registration Open.
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	THFHS Opening General Family Meeting.
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Buffet Lunch (tickets required).
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.	The following committees meet: Membership, Nominating, Technology & Communications.

*SEMINAR SESSIONS: All Attendees and members of other committees are encouraged to attend the sessions.*

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.	SESSION 1: <i>Genealogy 101: How to read the Hubbell Genealogy</i> Presented by Hilbert Hubble and the Genealogy Committee.
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Break: snacks, lemonade, iced tea.
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	The following committees meet: Publications, Genealogy, Hubbell Hall of Fame.
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	SESSION 2: <i>The First 100 Years of Hubbells in America: A Historical Family Overview</i> Presented by Barbara Kruse.
5:30 p.m.	Buses begin loading for Dinner at the Hubbell House in Pajarito. Those who are able are encouraged to take their own transportation.
6:00 p.m.	Tours of the Hubbell House start, each tour is limited to 15 people, there will be plenty of tours to accommodate the group.
6:30 p.m.	Group Photo at the Hubbell House.
7:00 p.m.	Buffet Dinner starts (tickets required) at the Hubbell House.
10:00 p.m.	Last bus leaves the Hubbell House.

~ July 1 ~	
	<i>Option 1:</i> All day tour to Santa Fe Arts and Culture, fee required.
	<i>Option 2:</i> Family group gatherings.
	<i>Option 3:</i> Day at leisure or shop and tour Old Town, the museums and botanic garden and aquarium.

~ July 2 ~	
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	THFHS Closing General Family Meeting.
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch on your own in family groups.
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.	<i>SEMINAR SESSION: All Attendees and members of committees are encouraged to attend the session.</i> SESSION 3: <i>Hands on Hubbells</i> Presented by Mary Ann Hubbell.
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Board Meeting, Manzano Room.
6:30 p.m.	THFHS Gala Closing Banquet (tickets required) at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center - tour of the museum and 25% off at the gift shop for the evening. Bus transportation will be provided.





## Growing Postal Costs & Service Changes Affect Our Mailings

By Carol Hubbell Boggs,  
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My little English grandmother could be counted on for an aphorism when one was needed, and she might have said, "Mind the pennies and the pounds will take care of themselves" about our postage situation these days. While the Society works hard to bring in money for all our worthwhile projects by selling books and merchandise, and requesting donations for special projects, we try to husband the funds we receive and use them wisely. The board makes the big decisions about expenditures, but as a member you can help in many small ways.

Postage is getting to be a bigger issue for every business and organization, and in THFHS we try to find ways to make our mailings lighter, or do double duty by combining our publications with our promotions and membership mailings. But even using these measures we still find that we have to coax some folks

to renew their memberships with a second mailing, and every year, we find that some members have moved and not sent an address change so their publications can follow them without interruption.

Consider the *Annual*; we pay to print it, and we pay to mail it. When a member has moved without a forwarding address, the Post Office sends us a photocopy of the front of the envelope with the person's name and old address stamped "Unable to Deliver," and an envelope for us to pay them seventy cents for sending that copy back to us. The *Annual* is lost at that point, and if we eventually receive a change of address, we must supply another *Annual*, affix another stamp and send it along again. Sadly, sometimes we lose people in the shuffle because we don't know where they moved. Mailing out membership renewal forms twice has a cost also, and it is an avoidable one. If you can help us hold down these small costs, we will do the best possible job with the big ones. Thank you very much!

- Renew your annual membership early
- Keep your mailing address current
- Notify us of family members' changes of address

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## THFHS Wishes to Recognize Loyal Members

By Carol Hubbell Boggs,  
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Societies and organizations treasure one thing above all others - their membership - but especially those members who have been with them consistently over the years since they first joined. They are the ones who can be counted on. They are always there, they respond when asked for input, they attend events when they can, but mostly they are faithful and consistent. They read the publications and share in the joy and sadness of their Hubbell "cousins" by showing understanding and expressing concern. Because things go so smoothly for them, sometimes we don't give them enough credit.

We would like to acknowledge those members who have maintained a continuous membership since first joining the Society. Unfortunately, we don't have



discernible membership records that show exactly the uninterrupted memberships going back to the founding of the Society, but we have those from recent years. At the upcoming board meeting in Albuquerque, the Board of Directors will have an opportunity to discuss how to acknowledge these members who have continually maintained their Society memberships. If you have ideas on the subject, please contact any Society director or officer with your suggestions. They will be greatly appreciated.

## Publications Need Your News and Photos!

By Carol Hubbell Boggs,  
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Isn't it great to get a new *Family Notes* or *Annual* in the mail? I love to read the articles to learn what my Hubbell "cousins" have been doing since the last issue, but I really enjoy the pictures. Do you know where we get those pictures? From you! If you happen to remember to send them, that is.

I know there are some events going on out there right now that are more than newsworthy, they are worth a picture, so if you have a wedding, or other special family celebration going on this summer please remember us when you take your pictures. If you have "gone digital" and can send us digital photos, that is better yet. Photos that are 300 dpi, and in TIF or JPEG format are just fine. Send them to our editor John A. Hubbell at [john@dchubbell.com](mailto:john@dchubbell.com) along with descriptions and stories, and he will be happy to use them. Sending paper photos to our mailing address would be fine, too, if you haven't joined the technical revolution. Please supply names for the folks in the photos for captions, as they will become part of our history. So enjoy the summer, and take your camera!

## SECRETARY'S NOTICE

By Jean N. Hubbell, [norhub@erols.com](mailto:norhub@erols.com)

The corrected minutes of the 2003 meeting in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, will be available for review by members prior to the first General Meeting. Many in Chapel Hill seemed to enjoy having the minutes available while they were gathering for the meeting. For first-timers, a review of the minutes gives a hint of what goes on at our meetings. For others it means that the minutes can be approved without detailed reading. Copies will be available in the Hospitality Room and at the first General Meeting.



# Hubbell Y-DNA Surname Study

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I am ready to launch a Y-DNA surname study for the name Hubbell in any spelling, and by the time we meet in Albuquerque I will tell you all about it. For now though, there is something you can do to learn more about what such a study can and cannot tell us. The web is full of information, and many pages have elaborate question and answer segments. The prominent genealogical journals today regularly feature articles about the progress of existing family studies and they make fascinating reading. One of them is "Cobb Family Genetics: A Case Study Using DNA" by Hubert F. Cobb, published in the Genetics and Genealogy section of the Winter 2005 issue of *New England Ancestors*, the newsletter of the New England Historical Genealogical Society.

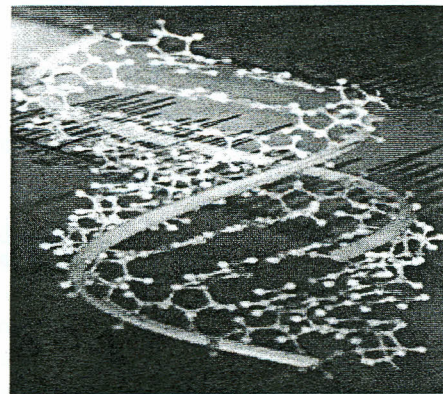
The article deals with the background of the Cobb family and the work several family members have done on their genealogy to identify the immigrant ancestor in New England. Several of the Cobb descendants decided that it was time to employ new methods to see if they could jointly advance their knowledge of the family. They also wanted to try to connect some of the existing lines for which traditional genealogical research methods were simply not sufficient to answer all the questions. Their findings were fascinating, and put them far ahead on the road to discovering long-sought connections. The article can be found in many libraries, and I have a copy I would be happy to loan anyone. Send me an email at HubbellGen@aol.com and I will get it right out to you to read.

Surname Y-DNA studies are done most successfully in families where sound genealogical research has been done, such as the Hubbell family, and the men involved in the study are able to identify with one or another particular line of descent. The more participants who join the study, the better the baseline can be established, and it is best to enroll as large a number as possible at the beginning so that some results can be

quickly determined and then built upon. Once a solid base of known lines is established, ones that are uncertain or unproven can be guessed at more accurately and new directions for research can be identified.

Y-DNA cannot tell which generation a matching ancestor is in, nor can it tell which man is a man's father, or uncle or cousin. But, it can tell if two people are related, and can also clearly rule out a line if the markers fail to match. There can be several reasons when there is no match. Realizing that there may be adoptions and non-paternal events occurring in any family, and that particularly when death and disease were more prevalent, many families were split apart by early deaths, with the result that children were sometimes dispersed to many neighbors or relatives to be raised as someone else's child. There is always the possibility that we will be surprised to learn that there is no connection to the Hubbell line. Naturally that does nothing to reflect upon the individual today, rather it gives that participant more information about their personal genetic history. As technology continues to provide promising new tools for genealogists to work with, we will be able to put more of the pieces together and fill in long-standing blanks in the history of the Hubbell family across the world.

People anticipating by joining such a study usually have many questions about reliability, privacy, and a number of other points that are common to any new scientific enterprise. If you have such questions, make note of them and plan to ask them at the reunion where we will talk about it at length. Although I am presently planning to launch the project myself, I would be happy for participation by the Society if the board wishes. I would absolutely encourage any male Hubbell to consider participating and hope you are ready to join in June in Albuquerque or any time in the future. The opportunities for information gathering are far greater in a large project than a small one, so please think it over and if you have questions, bring them to the reunion.



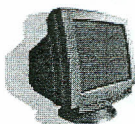
## DNA Study of the Human Journey

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The National Geographic Society, with the support of IBM, is conducting a project utilizing DNA to trace the pathway of the human family across the planet. Their website at <http://www3.nationalgeographic.com/genographic> tells about the proposed project and gives some background on how the study began. There are several interactive features on the web site, all of which are interesting, and can help us understand better how our DNA can give us information, collectively, that explains many things about our individual histories back to our ancient ancestors.

You may have seen Spencer Wells' work on the PBS/National Geographic Society program, "The Journey of Man: A Genetic Odyssey", and begun to develop a curiosity about our global human history. Particularly interesting were the interviews with the Navajo and Hopi in the Four Corners region, the area where the 2005 biennial THFHS reunion will be held. What a very interesting convergence of circumstances!

The new study expands upon his work for this film and explains what will be done in the future. There are numerous web sites about the topic, which expands daily. As an interesting topic for the twenty-first century, this one surely has a top position.



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# KIWIS ON THE HUBBLE TREE

By Doug Poulter, Castlebrom@aol.com

HUBBLE was my Mother's maiden name and my search for the ancestors on her side of my family has lead to over 5000 names to date, scattered throughout the United Kingdom and, more recently, in New Zealand.

Since I am a first generation U. S. Citizen, with the exception of my descendants and immediate family, and those of a couple of "lost" families who ended up in the States, all of my work is concentrated in the United Kingdom or New Zealand, the ancestral and emigratory homes of my ancestors and their descendants.

The following is an extract from Chapter 11, "The Kiwi Hubbles," of my in-process manuscript, *The Hubble Tree - The Hubbles of the United Kingdom*.

"... Nothing further is heard about Thomas [Hubble] until *The NZ Freelance* reports an Australian death for one Frank Hubble in the 21 September 1901 issue. (See III. 28.)

Subsequent research showed a similar report, albeit more graphic, occurred in the *Kalgoorlie (Western Australia) Miner Newspaper*, 23 August 1901. There it was reported, "...Mr. F. W. Hubble, the electrician at the Ivanhoe mine, fell down the open cut... and was apparently killed on the spot... He was a native of Christchurch (N.Z.) and was 36 years of age."

When the official death notice was

reviewed, it showed several interesting facts. Frank Hubble, electrician, died 23rd August 1901 at the Ivanhoe Mine, Boulder, Western Australia. He was 38 and the cause of death was "fracture of the neck through falling down an open cut". There was a Coroner's Jury verdict and a Magisterial Inquiry held at Boulder, 26 August 1901.

Frank's father was only named "Hubble" and mother's maiden name "unknown". Frank was, allegedly, born Matlock, England, and had been in Western Australia 6 years. The columns on the certificate regarding marriage and issue were left blank.

An interesting notation was written, as an amendment, on the certificate: "In column 3 for Frank read Francis Henry"! \*

\* Frank Hubble, news of whose sudden death at the Ivanhoe mine, Kalgoorlie, was received in town the other day, was well known in Wellington, Auckland, and Christchurch. It was in the latter city that he was born, thirty-six years ago. He was connected with the Wellington Telephone Bureau in its early days as a lineman, and as he had ambitions he got on, qualifying himself for an electrician's position later on in Auckland. It is only a few years ago that he crossed over to the Australian goldfields, and he was attached to the Ivanhoe mine as electrician at the time of the accident which resulted in his death. \*

[Extract from *The N. Z. Freelance*, 21 September 1901]

The *Freelance* article had gone on to discuss Mr. Hubble's connection with the game of baseball as played in Wellington around that time. Apparently there were, at least, four local teams, and he was a member of a team made up mostly of Maoris and formed from The Postal and

Telegraph Service. The article went on to describe how, "Baseball in Wellington became as dead as Caesar in 1890, the general run of the public looking upon it as glorified rounders played by a lot of bounders."

Thus, even in death, as tragic as it was, we still have the uncertainty of Thomas Hubble's true name. Some of the descendants referred to him as "Grandpa Thomas", while others insisted he was known as "Frank".

The mystery remained until a copy of the probate proceedings regarding his estate was obtained. The proceeding was for the Appointment of the Public Trustee to handle the intestate estate of "Thomas Henry Hubble, sometimes known as Francis Henry Hubble, late of Boulder in the State of Western Australia, electrician, deceased, intestate."

The proceeding confirmed that he died on or about the 23rd of August 1901 and elected the Public Trustee to administer "the property". This, according to the schedule attached, was "One fourth share of estate of Jane Hubble, deceased, estimated value £ 64.2.6".

We will, perhaps, never understand why Thomas became known as Francis, or Frank, and where he picked up the middle name of Henry. However, from several sources it is now known that he left his family behind in New Zealand and went off to the gold mines of Western Australia where he died in an accident...

For additional background information regarding the "Mystery of Thomas Hubble" or more on the research of the Hubbles of the United Kingdom, please visit the author's website at <http://www.castlebrom.com>.

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## "My Family Health Portrait" Can Help Trace Illnesses

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When HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson in 2004 declared Thanksgiving Day the annual National Family History Day, he provided a free program called "My Family Health Portrait" that can be found at <http://www.hhs.gov/familyhistory/order.html> to help each of us establish a picture of the most important influences on our health. In recent years, so much progress has been made in prevention of illness it is sometimes hard to

keep up with it on our own, and many of us have had some real life illustrations of its importance. "My Family Health Portrait" gives us an opportunity to use our family information to help ourselves, our children and grandchildren to make wise decisions regarding our health.

Did you know first degree relatives share half their genetic material? Do you know what first degree relatives are? They are parents, children and siblings. Visit this web site and learn why it may be important to know about the role of genetics in our lives:

<http://www.cdc.gov/genomics/activities/ogdp/2003/chap06.htm>.

Because family is such a vital part of THFHS, family health and the understanding that underlies it are important issues to us. How do you pass along family health information to your family members? Do you know what's important to convey? Perhaps it is time for us all to learn more about it. Come to Albuquerque and let's talk about it.

Source: "Molecular Genealogy Updates" from the NGS Family Health and Heredity Committee, *NGS NewsMagazine*, January/February/March 2005.



# PRESERVING INFORMATION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

By Bob Dawes,  
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After the last THFHS board meeting in Albuquerque in 2004, Carol Boggs asked me as Chair of the TECCOM Committee to recommend a strategy for preserving THFHS and Hubbell related material for the future. Since then there have been various discussions on-line regarding this topic and subsequently John A. Hubbell asked for an article on the topic so that the entire membership can participate.

I am going to limit my discussion to the areas in which I have experience or am involved and these include preserving the Canadian NHFHA (Nehemiah Hubble Family Heritage Association) material that we currently hold in our home and transcribing historical documents for local Historical Societies. During my career and later as a management consultant, I was involved with many high technology companies where data back-up and recovery was a business necessity and this exposed me to many of the different technologies used for data and record preservation.

I won't go into the ways in which material can be preserved, because once it has been digitized there are many options from local hard-drives to multi-layer DVD's. For those of you who identify technological change as a problem in that we won't have the capability to read the media down the road here is a brief story:

Many, many years ago, in the 80's, I acquired a copy of the British 1851 census 2% sample in DOS format on a 5¼" floppy disk, and it was probably single-sided at that. Over the years, as my computer hardware changed, I migrated that same database to a low density 3½" floppy, followed by a high density one, then a ZIP disk, onto a CD-Recordable Disc and now to a DVD-R. For 20 years I have had access to this file and I continue to use it from time to time and it is as accurate as the day I originally received it. Now, I agree that it would be difficult to read the original 5¼" disk but

the point is that digital information must be continually moved to the latest technology to properly preserve it. And, for those 20 years that same file has resided safely on my hard-drive which has been replaced many, many times over.

The best and most secure method of preservation is to use multiple formats and store them in multiple locations. It is easy to consolidate all of your family history onto a CD or DVD only to have it perish in the same flood or fire that destroys the originals. Print out your family history file in register report format and donate it to a local library or one where your ancestors came from. Give copies to your relatives and children as well. When you scan your photos and other important documents also make colour photocopies and store them in archival safe sleeves and binders. Put the originals away in a safe place and work from the copies. Wal-Mart only charges 25¢ a copy to reprint digital images! Make additional copies of your CDs and distribute them among your relatives. If disaster strikes your computer it may take a while to reconstitute all of your material but you will be able to do it. And finally, don't try to consolidate everything onto one disk just because it has the space, spread your storage out over many and don't throw away the discs as you build new back-ups. Keep them in a metal box somewhere safe because you never know when you might need them as a last resort.

So, as the banks say about making contributions to your retirement saving plan, "do it early and do it often"— that applies to how we save and preserve our important family history information. Barbara and I are getting ready to go away for the next week and I carry a little canvass lunch bag which holds an external back-up hard drive and up-to-date CD-R discs, just in case. Is that paranoid or what? But then, I'm a Virgo!

## Digitizing Family Photos — A Case Study

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My parents house burned to the ground in 1986. As the family gathered to clean out the rubble, I went directly to the place where the family photos had been stored. Clumps of charred photos were further glued together by the water used to douse the fire. Albums were "toast" as they say. The collection was depressing. I will never forget my daughter and sister sitting carefully peeling apart photos and putting them on boards to dry. It became apparent that we needed to do two things. 1) Digitize the photos and 2) distribute the archive so that not everything was in a single vulnerable place. In the time since I have digitized the photos, created CDs, created an index file of thumbnail sized images along with a short description of the photo. Not everything is done; people keep finding more boxes.

Here are the technical details: In order to separate the photos I used a distilled water bath, sometimes changing it several times and gently worked the photos apart. Once apart, I put them in blotter paper books and weighted the tops — some were very curled — and let them dry for up to a week before taking them out and storing in acid-free lignan-free bags for later scanning. For the scanning, I decided to use the TIFF format for digitization; it takes more space as a digital file but it is a lossless format. When compressed as a JPEG or a GIF for a web or a print, we are still able to keep the archival TIFF for later return and reuse. Of course they are big, but that is why they never lose part of the image. We use a simple viewer, open source code and the code is included on each CD. People would not have to go searching for a program to read the file, it is included with the file. We decided to make a printed paper guide to the CDs, including a very small image of the image (called a thumbnail which should give you an idea of the size), so people could quickly scan and see the photo's subject. Then we created small annotations for each photo; those still need a lot of work.

The images are mostly done, but I still have boxes of negatives to figure out how to capture— something for next year!



# Alternative to Traditional: Geodesic Homes Go High-Tech

Source: *The Caledonian Record*, Sutton, VT  
September 3, 2004

When John and Tracy Pierce Lockwood [A&R (9171), dau. of Claire Hubbell Pierce] of Sutton could not come up with a design they liked for a traditional home, they decided to build a geodesic dome. The couple is very happy with their decision.

The dome is 27 feet across and provides 800 square feet of living space on two floors. This particular dome was designed to be a two-car garage. The building came as a kit from American Ingenuity, a company based in Florida.



*Tracy Pierce Lockwood in front of her geodesic dome home in Sutton, Vermont.*

The triangular panels are made of waterproof fiberglass with a wallboard interior finish. The exterior is basically cement, steel mesh, and 7 inches of dense foam.

John Lockwood put the kit together, much as you would a puzzle, with tech-

nical help from Florida. When completed, there were little building scraps left and everything was hauled off in trash bags, Tracy said.

"We are quite comfortable in this dome," Tracy said. "It's very warm and cozy."

Tracy designed the doors and skylights, and chose the bright colors for the walls. "When people first saw the colors I chose, they said I must be crazy," she said. "But now everyone likes it."

The Lockwoods laid the foundation in August, 2003, and moved in during late December. The time of year may have added to a problem with the cement curing properly and some leaks occurred, Tracy said. But overall, the couple spent a very comfortable winter.

Radiant heat was installed in the slab floor, which was painted with an acid stain. This surface does not interfere with the radiant heat as tile or wood might and is much less expensive. The "R factor" (the way effectiveness of insulation is rated) in the house is 28.

"Last January, when it was minus 30 degrees, I was barefoot and in a T-shirt with the upstairs windows cracked," Tracy said.

The building also benefits from passive solar heat through the skylights in the winter, but since the sun is higher in the summer, they don't get baked.

The only wood in the dome is in the door frames, making it fireproof. Geodesic domes popular in the 1960s and 1970s had wooden frames. "Getting rid of the wood was a big improvement," Tracy said. "These domes are high-tech and environmentally friendly."

There are three other domes in the Northeast Kingdom, she said. The Radiant Floor Company in Barton, VT, is housed in a 60-foot dome. Tracy works out of her home for the company, designing floor plans. There are two dome homes in Albany, she said.

The Lockwoods are putting up another small dome which will be used for a tool shed. (They also plan another yurt-like dome for Tracy's parents, Bruz and Claire Pierce, to eventually move into once they sell their 120-acre farm and house in Sutton.) These geodesic domes come in all sizes. There is even a dog-house dome is available.

## HMS Somerset's Past & Present Brought Together

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*Editor's note: During the Revolutionary War, the British frigate, HMS Somerset, was shipwrecked off Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and later was immortalized in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, "Paul Revere's Ride":*

*"Then he said 'Good-night!' and with muffled oar  
Silently rowed to the Charlestown shore,  
Just as the moon rose over the bay,  
Where swinging wide at her moorings lay  
The Somerset, British man-of-war;  
A phantom ship, with each mast and spar  
Across the moon like a prison bar,  
And a huge black hulk, that was magnified  
By its own reflection in the tide."*

I wrote a book about the HMS Somerset (*HMS Somerset, 1746-1778. The Life and Times of an Eighteenth Century British Man-o-War and Her Impact on North America*) from the laying of her keel in 1746 to her grounding on Cape Cod on November 2, 1778. I obtained all the records from England, including the

crew, captains' letters, courts-martial, as well as those here. Also, I researched what happened to the ship, the crew of 500, and her contents. She was the reason the redcoats were able to return to Boston after they were followed and attacked all the way back from Concord and Lexington. It is a hard cover, acid-free book. I've sold all 1,010 copies except for six, which I'll donate to large libraries.

I've had a very exciting telephone call from the commander of the latest frigate bearing the name HMS Somerset, calling from the ship in Plymouth, England. He had recently found the book I wrote about the previous Somerset at an online used book store and just started reading it. He told me that he and 12 of his crew are coming to the US in August for a reenactment of the Battle of Bunker Hill (in which the Somerset played a very significant role), then they are traveling to Lake Champlain, then to Truro, MA, to see where it went aground in a storm on November 2, 1778. He asked if he could meet me. We had a nice conversation even though some of his fast British accent was a little hard to understand! Two years ago, I received an e-mail from a woman in England whose 5th great uncle had been on the ship, but died while it was stationed in Newport, RI. All this thanks to the Internet— what did we do without it?



# CHARLES HAY HUBBELL (A&R #3717)

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If you read the newspapers of the 1930s and 1940s, you find them filled with the exploits of Carl Owen Hubbell, star pitcher for the New York Giants. However, if you lived in Ohio you would read about another prominent Hubbell.

His name is Charles Hay Hubbell, lawyer from Lakeland, near Cleveland, Ohio. Little is mentioned about Charles in the Hubbell family histories, but he said he started out as a brakeman on the

## Hubble Elementary Wins State Award

Source: *Marshfield Mail*,  
Marshfield, MO, March 23, 2005

Hubble Elementary School was one of only two schools in Missouri to win \$1,000 from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for supplementing a Literacy Teams That Work program.

The Literacy Teams That Work Program at Hubble Elementary, began in 2001, was selected as a statewide model.

"The program was because of the culture of collegial support and encouragement that is found in the building," said Michael Flynn of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. "While many schools have literacy teams that function to varying degrees of effectiveness, Hubble has been able to create an atmosphere of open discussion, continued job-embedded professional development, colleague modeling and visits to classrooms, and an intentional focus on teaching students to read."

Principal Anita Lael said, "The literacy team coaches have worked very hard to support each other, and develop a feeling of honest discussion, confidentiality, and a focus on student achievement. The coaches, and the fact that all faculty (regardless of their teaching assignment) are on a literacy team, are what makes the program work."

The school has seen positive results in their classrooms. For the past couple of years, approximately 90 percent of the first graders have been reading at grade level by the end of the year. Those below grade level are primarily IEP (individualized education program) or LEP (limited English proficient) students.

railroad, studied accounting and graduated from Cleveland Law School and finally qualified as a lawyer.

Charles Hubbell was known as a perennially unsuccessful office seeker. In 1950, it was reported that he ran unsuccessfully 11 times in 24 years. Offices he sought on the Democratic ticket included Governor, Supreme Court Justice, State Auditor and Mayor of Cleveland. In 1960, at age 80, he was still running for the job of state auditor.

He was appointed auditor for the accounts of the Unemployment Compensation Commission, the only public office he held. However, he resigned claiming that the funds were "maladministered" to help the Governor's campaign. Later, he was indicted for soliciting contributions, but the grand jury threw out the charges.

In 1934, he asked that his name be placed on the ballot as Charles H. "Time-Clock" Hubbell. He said he got the nickname when he ran for Mayor of Cleveland in 1921 on a platform calling for city employees to work a full day.

Charles may have been among the first to advocate campaign spending limits. During the race of Governor, he limited his expenditures to \$1,000. He spent the last of his campaign funds on a ticket to Marion, Ohio, for a rally. He then decided to walk the 88 miles home to Cleveland to prove to the voters that he could live with a budget.

As a watchdog on the political process, Charles brought several irregularities to the attention of local and federal authorities. His many accomplishments include the organization of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

## A Thank You From Noxen School

Noxen Historical Community Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 141  
Noxen, Pennsylvania 18636

Dear Friends,

Thank you everyone for all of your donations of money, time, and ideas. Because of your generosity, that of the Hubbell Family Historical Society, and a very generous private foundation, the Noxen School House is being restored more quickly and thoroughly than we ever dreamed. Since 2002, when the program began, the windows, the heating system, and outside doors have been replaced. The plumbing and electrical systems have been repaired and updated, and the asbestos has been removed. Add in other odd jobs and repairs and the improvement in the building is amazing.

Two-thousand five will be yet another busy year of fund-raising and fun. We hope to continue the upgrading of the electrical system, put a flue in the chimney, and repair and paint the walls in the meeting room. We are also working towards a chairlift to help make the building accessible to all.

The Reunion/open House will be scheduled for the third weekend in August, the 20th and 21st. This year, a group of classmates are planning a catered dinner on August 20th at 6:00 PM at the school. Reservations must be made by June 30th. Please contact Mary French Hopfer at R.R.#1 Box A6 Bowman Rd., Noxen, PA 18636, (570) 298-2058, or Bobbi Lord Lewis at 104 SE 7th St., Oak Island, NC 28465-7117, (910) 287-7736 for reservations and information.

The Open House will be held Sunday, August 21st, from 1:00-4:00 PM. An art show featuring the works of Chuck Kovalick and his students will be held on the second floor. Please come see your generosity at work and enjoy an afternoon of art and friendship.

There are still two window plaques left to be dedicated at \$280.00. We also have 50 door plaques to be dedicated at \$280.00. Please send donations to N.H.C.A., Inc., c/o Cathie Pauley at Box 141, Noxen, PA 18636. We have come so far but the journey still continues, and we still need your continued support to restore this wonderful piece of history.

Sincerely yours,  
Cathie Pauley, President



# Friendship, Feast, Displays, and History Session Sparked 76th McClure - Hubbell Reunion, Danville, KY

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Thirty-four descendants and relatives of Eliza Margaret Hubbell (1196) gathered July 25, 2004, at First Christian Church in Danville, Kentucky, to celebrate their 76th consecutive family reunion. In 1832, Eliza Margaret married John Shields McClure in Pulaski County, KY. They had twelve children and 55 grandchildren. Many of those family members started an annual picnic in 1929 and formed a family association.

At last July's reunion, Jim A. Floyd of Indianapolis, IN, served as master of ceremonies. Jeanne Oldham of Harrodsburg, KY, gave a clogging demonstration, Chuck Mayfield of Plano, TX, announced a genealogy website, and Martha Sue Batt of Indianapolis, IN, led a family history session. Jim N. Floyd of Wilmore, KY, gave the invocation before

a potluck feast coordinated by Margaret Ann Milburn of Danville. Bill and Onedia McClure of Midway, KY, and Carl and Mary Ritchie of Lexington, KY, helped with the meal. Gracia Floyd of Indianapolis was photographer.

Relatives sending greetings were George and Helen Riggins of Long Beach, CA; Doris Stoner of Hixon, TN; and Sally McMullin of Scottsdale, AZ. Family trees and maps decorated the walls for the reunion. A book table supplied by Jerry Hubble of Somerset, KY, and Martha Sue Batt included copies of *History & Genealogy of the Hubbell Family* 1980/1998, *Hubbell Pioneers*, and *A Military History of the Hubbell Family*. Relatives were also offered copies of the family tree of Eliza Margaret's ancestors, a 1929 family history, and a page written about Edwin Hubble, as well as information about their Scotch-Irish McClure ancestry.

Attendees received a summary of the life of six generations of Hubbell ancestors: Richard Hubbell (1), Lt. Samuel Hubbell Sr. (5), David Hubbell (32), David Justus Hubbell (153), Levi Hubbell (464), and Eliza Margaret Hubbell (1196) as well as information on The Hubbell Family Historical Society, Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site, and Hubbell Center in Des Moines.

The 2005 McClure - Hubbell Reunion will be held on Saturday afternoon, August 6, starting at 1:00 P.M. at the home of Russell and Gladys Montgomery in Campbellsville, KY. All Hubbell family members and friends are invited. For details, contact Martha Sue Batt at 317-894-4872 or msbatt@aol.com.

Note: Numbers cited are from *History & Genealogy of the Hubbell Family* 1980/1998.

## Attendees of the 76th McClure-Hubbell Reunion:

(Back row, left to right) Tom Jackson, Chuck Mayfield, Gerald Blaine Hubble, Bob Milby, Jim Smith, Sarah Floyd, Jim Floyd. (3rd row) Carl Ritchie, Laneta Mayfield, Gladys Montgomery, Russell Montgomery, Bill McClure, Jim Smith, Gracia Floyd. (2nd row) Mary Katherine Ritchie, Susan Batt, Martha Sue Batt, Shirley McKinney, Onedia McClure, Libby Smith, Kathy Milby holding Maggie. (Front row) Joanne Hatter, Polly Judd, Jeanne Oldham, Vicki McKinney, Anne Milburn holding Noah, Margaret Ann Milburn. Also attending: Norris Armstrong, John Howerton, Martha Howerton, Mary Murphy, Jennifer Woodrow.



## PERSONAL NEWS

**Declan Denzell Hubbell** [A&R 12920] of Springfield, MO, son of Jack Jerome Hubbell and Shirley Jean Hubbell, will wed Amber Nicole Dover, daughter of Roy and Sue Dover, of Willard, MO, on wedding is July 2, 2005, in Springfield at the Oasis Garden Room. Declan graduated from Drury College and is president of Hubbell Mechanical Supply. Amber is employed at Southwestern Missouri State University. They will reside in Springfield.

**Elizabeth (Beth) Herzog** [A&R (10055)], daughter of Elaine and Mike Herzog and granddaughter of Esther and

Clifton Hubbell, is spending a term in Sydney, Australia. She is a junior at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, majoring in Materials Engineering. Prior to beginning her studies Beth was able to sight-see in both Australia and New Zealand.

**Mr./Mrs. Leon & Firn Hubble** [A&R 11397] celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 8, 2005. Leon Hubble was born and grew up around Clay City, IL, and worked for W. W. Toler in the oil fields of Illinois, Colorado, and Texas. Firn Troutman Hubble was a

homemaker and active in the Ladies Farm Bureau. They were married in Craig, CO.

In 1960, the Hubbles moved to Bettendorf, IA, where they currently reside. Leon worked for Alcoa Aluminum from 1960-1985, when he retired. Firn is retired from the Rock Island Arsenal. They are active in the Alcoa Retirees Club. The couple's children are Sharon Hubble, Irving, TX; Barbara (James) Cato, Davenport, IA. The couple has two grandchildren, Tracie Border and Michael Cato. They have seven great-grandchildren, all of Davenport, IA.





# 55th Canadian Hubble Reunion – July 18th, 2004

By Barbara Dawes, bdawes@reach.net

WOW! Sunday July 18th, Hubbles, Hubbells, Hubels and Hubbels from across Canada and the northern United States gathered at Hubble Hill (Mount Pleasant) in Stirling-Rawdon to celebrate their 55th reunion. These Hubbles and allied families are descendants of Nehemiah Hubble and Lucretia Welton who settled on Concession 3, Lot 20 in the 1790s after fleeing the Revolutionary War in the colonies. Nehemiah later went on to raise a troop of local settlers and ride to Queenston Heights, near Niagara, to aid General Brock in repelling the American invasion during the War of 1812.

The reunion was hosted by The Nehemiah Hubble Family Heritage Association (NHFHA), which traces the genealogy of their family and maintains the pioneer cemetery on Hubble Hill on land donated to the community by Reuben Hubble (1821-1903), a grandson of Nehemiah. There are many non-Hubbles buried in this cemetery as plots were not sold but given free to anyone who wished to be buried there. We welcome descendants of these families to partake in the care and maintenance of this wonderful pioneer cemetery. The Association also cares for the Hubble-Hay cemetery, also in Rawdon on the old farmstead land, where James Hubble (1786-1863) and members of his family are buried. The current President of the Association, Byron Hubble, great great grandson of Reuben, his wife Cindy and family still live and farm near to the original Hubble homestead.

One of the highlights of the day included a visit by "Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II", who spoke to the gathering in the Church Hall about their loyalty to the Commonwealth. Margie Floyd from Sylvan Lake, Alberta played Queen Elizabeth. Margie, a look-alike for the queen is often requested to play her at events. Her husband David Floyd (a Hubble descendant) played the role of

"HRH Prince Philip". Margie did a splendid job and gave a speech we are certain the real Queen would have been proud to deliver. The Church Hall was the original early Baptist church built on Hubble land at the bottom of the hill by Hubbles and members of the surrounding community.

The majority present were unaware of this "special" guest and were quite surprised when Bob Dawes rushed in with the news that a large black limo was pulling up (not true) and then came back to announce that it was the Queen! We all stood to sing "God Save the Queen" accompanied on the piano by Ann Rowe of Campbellford. The children all stood "round-eyed", disbelief on their faces; there would be a few interesting summer



*"Her Majesty, The Queen" addresses the NHFHA Reunion.*

vacation essays when school began in September. A few adults were also a little unsure at first but quickly got into the spirit of the event. Margie closed saying "I am very pleased to see that you have reunited with the members of your family who remained in the United States and who did their part in building that nation. May the relationship between your two families grow ever closer." A special thank-you to Margie for her part in making the reunion a resounding success.

The day finished with an old fashioned Pie Auction, conducted by auctioneer David Denure of Hoard's Station who volunteered his service, to raise funds for the on-going cemetery maintenance. Either he is an excellent auctioneer (which he is) or Hubbles were in a generous frame of "dig deeper in your pocket" – probably both. We sincerely thank Mr. Denure for his time and generosity.

Prizes were given out for youngest girl (Mikayla Hubble 7 - Rawdon) youngest boy (Alex Hubble 5 - Rawdon); oldest man (David Floyd 79 - Alberta); oldest woman (Edith Gerow 94 - Havelock); Farthest

distance travelled (David & Margie Floyd – Alberta). Other than the local area, many families travelled from the Toronto area, plus two families from Michigan and one from Buffalo, NY. Of the thirteen home baked pies donated to the auction, the youngest bakers were Sarah Hubble (12) and Cassandra Hubel (15) both of Stirling-Rawdon. Prizes were awarded to Norma Crawford of Toronto for the prettiest pie, Joyce Hubbell of Peterborough for the prettiest small pie and Barbara Lavictoire of Oshawa for the pie that travelled the furthest. Several of the men offered to taste the pies but this was rejected, firmly, so as to have pies to auction.

Who will be the special guest this year??? The annual picnic will be held on Sunday, 17 July, at Hubble Hill.

Anyone who is interested in Hubble genealogy (or any other families of the area) can check them out in the new genealogy room at Stirling-Rawdon Public Library which is staffed by genealogy volunteers both Wednesday nights and Saturdays or contact the Hubble family historian, Barbara Dawes at bdawes@reach.net.

## HUBBELL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2005-2006

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The Board of Directors of the Scholarship Fund wish to thank all you that have continued to support the fund through your contributions over the past years. With your support, we were able to provide \$1,000.00 scholarships to 10 recipients last fall.

At the reunion meeting in Albuquerque New Mexico, the Directors will, based upon the amount of funds available, determine the number of \$1,000.00 scholarships available for this upcoming academic year.

Included with the Spring Family Newsletter is a Scholarship application form for currently active Society members. After reviewing the qualifications, mail the completed form to the address indicated on the form before August 1.

Please include a photograph and short biography with the application. Scholarships are determined by lot and will be announced following the drawing on or about September 1.



# New AAS Statement on Hubble Telescope Servicing

The American Astronomical Society (AAS), a Member Society of the American Institute of Physics, has issued a statement expressing "considerable disappointment" in NASA's decision not to service the Hubble Space Telescope (HST). The March 9 statement praises the past accomplishments of the Hubble and its future potential. However, it also cautions that, "should a HST servicing mission have adverse budget consequences" to other space science programs, then NASA should seek the views of the space science communities on the relative merits of servicing the Hubble versus other projects.

As discussed at a February 2 House Science Committee hearing (see <http://www.aip.org/fyi/2005/024.html>), the costs of a Hubble servicing mission could have a significant impact on other current and planned NASA science missions. The astronomy and astrophysics community is noted for its process of developing decadal reports that prioritize projects within the community. The most recent decadal survey (Astronomy and Astrophysics in the New Millennium, see <http://www.aip.org/fyi/2000/fyi00.062.htm>), based on the assumption that the originally-planned SM-4 shuttle mission to upgrade the Hubble would take place, was prepared prior to the Columbia shuttle tragedy. Several witnesses at the hearing indicated that the prioritization should be reevaluated to take into consideration

the current Hubble situation.

"I am personally very disappointed with NASA's current plan not to service HST," said AAS President Robert Kirshner in a press release accompanying the statement. "You can be sure we will work with them to help realize the goals of astronomers as carefully worked out through our decade plan. We know that NASA is committed to doing the world's best astronomy and servicing Hubble with the Shuttle is part of the best program."

The text of the March 9 AAS statement follows:

## AAS Statement on Hubble Space Telescope Servicing

"The Hubble Space Telescope (HST) has been the crown jewel in NASA's science programs for over a decade. Its accomplishments have revolutionized our understanding of the universe in which we live, and it has inspired a new generation of students and the public at large with its discoveries. This remarkable performance can be expected to continue if HST is serviced. NASA's recently announced decision to forego any option to service the HST is therefore viewed with considerable disappointment by the American Astronomical Society and the astronomical community. While we recognize that HST's mission must end at some time, the fact that a servicing mission was a part of NASA's planned activity, and that two key replacement science instruments are already developed to enable important and exciting new science, makes this decision particularly unfortunate and difficult to accept.

"Much of the success of NASA's space science program is due to strong community involvement in planning and

setting priorities based upon scientific merit and relevance to a coherent science program. Therefore, the AAS strongly concurs with the view advocated by the recently released report of the NRC Committee to Assess Progress Toward the Decadal Vision in Astronomy and Astrophysics. Specifically, that NASA should continue with the missions and programs as prioritized in the NRC report 'Astronomy and Astrophysics in the New Millennium.' In particular, should a HST servicing mission have adverse budget consequences, the AAS urges NASA to include the space science communities in an assessment of the relative scientific merits of all impacted missions, in line with the decadal survey process.

"Finally, the AAS notes that HST is a component of a dynamic, exciting, and evolving set of astronomy and space science missions. We applaud NASA's continuing commitment to maintaining a 'world-class astronomy program,' as expressed in Acting Administrator Gregory's testimony on February 17, 2005 to the House Science Committee. This commitment is an essential element of the Vision for Space Exploration, and the AAS stands ready to work with NASA to assure that strong programs in space science continue as NASA implements the Vision."

The full text of AAS's March 9 statement and related press release can be found at <http://www.aas.org/policy/PR/2005/hstservicing2.html>.

This latest statement follows a January 18 statement in which AAS supported the conclusion of a National Research Council panel that NASA should pursue a shuttle servicing mission to the Hubble (see <http://www.aip.org/fyi/2005/008.html>).

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## NASA Head Select Wants To Review Hubble Decision

Source: *WebProNews*, April 12, 2005.

Michael Griffin, who is the Bush administration's choice to head NASA, would like to revisit the decision to mothball the Hubble Telescope and its funding.

Instead of the following through with the current plan, Griffin is entertaining ideas of having astronauts from one of NASA's space shuttles to repair the space telescope.

According to Reuters News Service, Griffin, a rocket scientist who appears headed for swift confirmation as chief of the U.S. space agency, told a Senate hearing that NASA's decision not to repair Hubble should be reassessed after the shuttle fleet returns to flight.

"The decision not to execute the planned shuttle servicing mission was

made in the immediate aftermath of the loss of the Columbia," Griffin said. "When we return to flight, it will be with essentially a new vehicle, which will have a new risk analysis associated with it. At that time I think we should reassess the earlier decision in light of what we learn after we return to flight."

The previous NASA administrator, Sean O'Keefe, denied the repair plan, saying it put the astronauts at too much risk. Griffin, on the other hand, would like to keep the telescope active. His confirmation hearing continues.