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## PUBLICATIONS OF THE SOCIETY

**Additions and Revisions to the History & Genealogy of the Hubbell Family**, 1995, by Harold B. Hubbell and R. Leroy Hubbell, 1158 pages, 251 photographs, indexes: US\$65.00, C\$90.00 to members; US\$80.00, C\$95.00 to non-members.

**History & Genealogy of the Hubbell Family**, 1980, by Harold B. and D. S. Hubbell, reprinted 1998, 1089 pages with index: US\$70.00, C\$98.00. Separate index, 205 pages: US\$25.00, C\$35.00.

**Family Fare**, 1989, compiled and edited by Catherine H. Welsman and Betty W. Hubbell; the Society's cookbook, 255 pages with recipes and anecdotes, index: US\$15.00, C\$20.00.

**Hubbell Pioneers**, 1989, begun by D. S. Hubbell, completed by family members under Clifton H. Hubbell; illustrated biographies of family first-comers in each state and in Canadian Provinces, 432 pages, index: US\$40.00, C\$54.00.

**A Military History of the Hubbell Family in North America**, 2001, by Hilbert R. Hubble; each chapter discusses a major period in North American military history from the Colonial period until Kosovo, providing a description of all Hubbell service men and women for which a record can be found. 618 pages, 200 illustrations, 18 chapters and 29 appendices. All fully indexed. US\$57.50, C\$91.50.

**Hubbell By Choice: The Ancestry of Some Early Connecticut Women**, 2008, by Mary Ann Hubbell & Marjorie Hubbell Gibson. This book unlocks the history of lives of some women in the seventeenth century and looks at the ancestry of those who married into the first three generations of the Hubbell family. 399 pages, 8.25" x 10.75", casewrap-hardcover binding. ISBN: 978-0-9623097-4-8. US\$48.00. Available now for purchase at: [lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com): <http://www.lulu.com/content/1897644>

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The **Membership Committee** devotes a special effort to getting all names correct, according to Members' instructions, and to listing all code numbers when known. The Editor hopes Members will inform us of any missing or incorrect number, or any other inaccuracies in the list. Please inform the Society of changes in mailing address when moving.

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

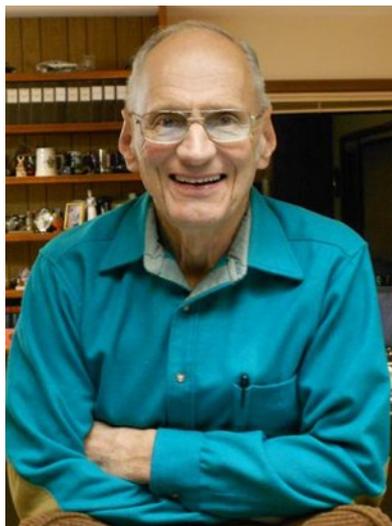
2012 was a good year for our Family Society. Your Board of Directors met in Des Moines in April, and action items included a planned trip for Society Members to England in September 2014, to visit Rock Church, which is in the countryside where Richard grew up. Several members are working on this.

Another item – we are putting out a request on membership renewal forms being mailed out this month for your email address. Members will still be receiving Spring-Fall Family Notes and Annuals by US Postal Service, but we are moving forward in this rapid information age; email

addresses will not be given out or sold to others. You may have received an email recently from Hannah at Hubbell Center, who has been emailing about 200+ members a month with brief Reunion updates. Following meetings, we visited Hubbell Center, and then hotels, selecting Stoney Brook Inn on the outskirts of Des Moines for our reunion headquarters. It is just off I-80 and 12 miles from the airport. Rooms are \$97/night including full breakfast and airport shuttle. A cozy place with indoor-outdoor pool. Make your hotel reservation now. Phone: 515-334-9000. You will not need a car.

We are gearing up for a fine reunion in Des Moines, kicking off with a Board of Directors meeting Sunday afternoon June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Monday morning is the first Family meeting. Mid day we will be bused to the Tool Shed for lunch, then spend the afternoon at the Living Farm. Tuesday and Wednesday the plan is for a loop, bus transport to a variety of places around the City so everyone has an opportunity to visit Hubbell Center, the State History Museum, tour the beautiful state Capitol, Science Center, Botanical Gardens, Architectural Historical Community (antiques), and the list goes on. Tuesday late afternoon we'll be having a BBQ on the lawn of Terrace Hill (Governor's Home donated by the Hubbell Family) with a group photo and a tour of the mansion Jim Hubbell III has arranged. Friday morning will be the last Family meeting followed by a BOD meeting and that night our closing banquet with a guest Historian as speaker. There is more nearby-John Deere plant with tours, Bass Pro Shop, and the Zoo which Mike Hubbell is getting tickets for. Registration forms being mailed out in March-April, but get your airline flights while prices are down.

Have you looked at our website lately? ([www.hubbell.org](http://www.hubbell.org)) It is being updated on a fairly regular basis thanks to volunteers. Carol Boggs and son Chris would sure like someone to come forward and maintain it. We need that special person. Can you help us?



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We have so many volunteers doing so much. Jan Fulton, our Treasurer, who keys in all your dues and does the Society bookkeeping....and on top of this ships out all the merchandise you buy; Mary Ann Hubbell who keys in membership data and balances with Jan; Donald Hubbell who designs our membership software programs, forms, and tracks the Master Membership; Laura Hubbell, our Membership Chairman who welcomes new members; Rick Hubbell the Editor of Family Notes and our Annual; and many others who help out including your Officers and Board Members.

Hubbell Center had its Annual Board meeting which I attended in December. You will find minutes elsewhere in this Annual. It has an active marketing campaign selling “The Hubbell Family DVD” - with copies for your kids at an unbelievable low price right now. It has an index with thousands of images of Hubbell history which are keyword searchable. Orders are taken and shipped out from Hubbell center by Pat Dawson and Hannah Herzog, who are also ready to help you learn to use the DVD. Call them or email them at:

[hubbellcenter@gmail.com](mailto:hubbellcenter@gmail.com) . Pat has a new digitizing program for archiving museum artifacts which keep rolling in. You will be amazed when you see Hubbell Center in June; I would like everyone attending our reunion to spend a little time there glancing at the memorabilia and volumes of handwritten work tying our estimated 6000+ cousins together in North America.

Our Hubbell Family Foundation Fund, which is in the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation, is doing well with funds we have invested there. It is important we keep it growing so as to one day help support Hubbell Center and activities of our Society.

Thinking about the future of THFHS, the Foundation, and Hubbell Center....here is an opportunity to leave a legacy when making out your will. It could be through a gifted donation, a Charitable Remainder Trust, or another avenue.

I look forward to seeing many of you in June 2013. Until then, keep warm, and hug a cousin.

THFHS President: Peter O. Hansen, M. D.

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## Social Media

Did you know the Hubbell Center has had a Facebook account since 2009? As of early 2013, the account has 144 Likes. The Hubbell Center often receives donations from Hubbell relatives that are very interesting and unusual. We realize that not everyone is fortunate to live close enough to Des Moines, Iowa, to come and visit on a regular basis, so social media has served as a great way to share these items! In 2011, Hubbell Center posted about clothes we received from Susan Thompson and bonnets once owned by Helen Hubbell Seaton (4791) on the [www.hubbell.org](http://www.hubbell.org) website. In 2012, we received from Frank Hashimoto two beautiful paintings by Jake Hubbell (6672) from the 1930s or 1940s, and a family Bible originally owned by Frederick Hubbell a288b (2799b) and we posted about them on Facebook. Our top post so far was about the Jake

Hubbell paintings, reaching 88 people and coming in second was a picture we posted of Pat Dawson’s sons helping move the Hubbell Center to the current location 10 years ago last July. Please become involved and if you have anything to share about Hubbells, feel free to post it on our wall! If you don’t Like or Follow us yet, please find us here:

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### Who is Ed Hubble? A question by Hilbert Hubble

For all you genealogy buffs out there I have a puzzle for you. The 22 July 1916 *Bellingham Herald* (Bellingham, Washington) reported a record flight from Bellingham to Seattle. The pilot Ed Hubble and passenger Frank Chase left from the Squalicum Beach for a 100 mile flight in a Davis hydro-aeroplane. The aircraft was brought from Everett by A. W. Davis for exhibition flights during the Fourth of July. The flight took 2 hours 5 minutes flying between 2,000 and 3,000 feet. The pilot landed three times during the flight to oil the “machinery”. Flights in the area and carrying passengers were occurring as early as 1911. Who was this pioneer aviator? Ed Hubble was living in Seattle at the time but I have found nothing else about him. Source: GenalogyBank.com.

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 **HELP!**



### Hilbert Needs Your Help!

Hilbert is starting the enormous task of compiling the new “History of the Hubbell Family”. Its been seventeen years since the 1995 Additions and Revisions was published. He anticipates that the task will be completed by 2014-2015. **BUT HE NEEDS YOUR HELP.** If you would like to contribute, email Hilbert at: [hhubble@comcast.net](mailto:hhubble@comcast.net)

## **From Your Editor**

The Annual and Family Notes has experienced many changes in its 28 years under the guidance of 4 previous editors. Like my predecessors, I am well aware that the quality of our publications are a reflection of the capability and dedication of you, the members. What has remained constant is the editor's dependence on the generous contributions of our members to share their expertise and enthusiasm. My success as editor is dependent on you, the readers, submitting material for publication. We are always in need of current event stories for our Family Notes publications and historical and biographical stories for the Annual. There is much to document in our extended families and I hope you will share your stories with all of your cousins. A special thank you to the 2012 Annual contributors.

Your Editor: Richard W. Hubble

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# **Biography and History**

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## **Hubbell Station, Indiana**

By Mark Hubble (A&R# 14038), Pittsboro, Indiana

Pioneer families settled in the southwest corner of Owen County's Jefferson Township about the same time Indiana became a state in 1816. They built homes along the Eel River known then as the "Eel River Settlement." The Hubbell family built a grain mill utilizing the power of the river and operated the mill for two generations until the wooden structure burnt down in 1880.

Around 1850, this same river would become part of the Wabash-Erie Canal, stretching 468 miles across the Midwest. This was a prosperous time for the community until the railroad came through just north of the settlement in 1860, then transportation by river was reduced considerably.

A train depot was built and shortly afterwards a hotel and dance hall would follow west of the depot. This would become Hubbell Station, Indiana. A country store was attached to the depot and was operated in the later years by the Shouse family until 1939 when it burnt down.

A single room, white framed school house was built north of town and taught children through the eight grade. It closed its doors in 1926. A post office became part of the depot in 1881, but lived a short life, closing in 1883 due to the inactivity.

All the commercial buildings of the town are gone today. Several farm houses still exist but that is all. A tree line that once paralleled the tracks cross Highway 157 diagonally and is the only reminder the town was there. A road heading east off the highway still has the street sign saying "Hubbell Station Rd."

Until recently, maps still had the town included, but they called it Hubbell. Today on many of the current GPS satellite tracking systems you can enter the town of Hubbell and it will take you to a spot in the road considered the center of a town that no longer exist. For many of us who are the descendents of these great pioneers that developed early Indiana, the town still lives in us.



**Kay Hubbell**

## **Kay Hubbell (A&R# 9278)**

By Hilbert Hubble

Katherine Mary “Kay” Hubbell (9278) professional tennis player was born 29 April 1921 the daughter of Henry Simonds Hubbell and Katherine Marie Walker. She was first noted nationally when she was a freshman at Vassar in 1940 and won both the singles and doubles at the National College Girl Championship at Brookline, Massachusetts. She had been competing since 1935 and in 1937 won a mixed double at Crawford Notch during the New Hampshire and White Mountain State Championships. She majored in physics at Vassar and during World War II she worked in physics laboratories.

After the war she taught high school mathematics. Newspapers from 1940 until 1973 reported on her many achievements on both clay and grass courts. In 1941 she was the top seed and defending champion at the National College Girls indoor competition and at New Hampshire where she won the mixed doubles with Fritz Kuser for the third consecutive year; she also won the singles. She won the doubles at the Maine Tennis Championship that year. In 1942 she won the singles at the Woman’s National Championship at Chestnut Hill and again at

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the College Girls Championship. She finished in the top ranks throughout the 1940's and won the Massachusetts State Championship in 1948 at Brookline.

At Hamilton, Bermuda she won the doubles at the Coral Beach Tennis Tournament in 1950 and the New England Tennis Doubles Championship with Lois Felix with whom she was a life-long friend, competitor and tennis partner. In 1951 she was the 4th seed and won the singles at the New England Tennis Championship. In 1952 she was ranked 17th nationally and competed at Wimbledon. She returned to Great Britain in 1954 and finished 2nd during the Ulster Lawn Championship at Belfast. During the doubles round she curtsied to the King of Sweden on the Centre Court at Wimbledon. The next year she won both the singles and doubles (with Ruth Jefferies, another friend and frequent partner) at the Woman's Indoor Tennis Tournament at Brookline. She repeated the doubles win with Lois Felix the next year and in 1958 she won the Connecticut and Massachusetts doubles Championship again with Lois Felix. That same year she was part of a team that won the Sears Cup, repeating an earlier win in 1952. In 1958 she won the doubles with Lois Felix at the National Woman's Indoor Championship at Longwood. She continued her winning ways in 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1962 when she won the Connecticut Tennis Championship for the 3rd straight year and the Sears Cup. She won the Woman's Senior singles in 1961 and 1962 and with Charlotte Lee won the Senior doubles in 1963 and 1965.

Her achievements were recognized by inscription on the tennis Service Bowl as National Champion in 1958. The award is given for notable contributions, sportsmanship, and fellowship in the service of tennis.

She was the United States Tennis Association Grass Court Champion in Woman's singles in 1962, 1963 and doubles in 1964 and 1966. She was the United States Indoor Champion in 1955 and runner up in 1946 and 1961 for singles. For doubles, she was champion in 1955, 1959, 1961, 1964 and runner up in 1955, 1957 1958 and 1960. In 2004 she said she was still "lifting a few balls but not in "competition". Kay ran the national Senior Grass Court Championships at the Point Judith Club in Narraganset and instructed junior players as a volunteer in the Conway Community Centers. In 1990 she became a charter inductee into the New England Tennis Hall of Fame. Kay lives in Conway, New Hampshire where she recently celebrated her 90th birthday and tends her half acre vegetable garden.

**Resources:**

Contemporary newspapers,  
The New England Senior Tennis Foundation  
bulletin, 1974, 2003, 2004, 2008



Left to right-Kay Hubbell-Peter  
Pinkham-Margery Stafford in  
1965

Article by Nancy Norton (Senior Tennis 2003) and special thanks to Barbara Foster who is a friend of Kay and learned much about clay court tennis from her.



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## ROYAL WILLIAM HUBBELL (A&R# 3674a)

By Hilbert Hubble

Royal William Hubbell (22 August 1860-27 October 1932) does not appear in the 1995 Additions and Revisions to the History and Genealogy of the Hubbell Family. He was discovered by accident while searching the Florida State Death records. From those records we learned that his parents were Alfred Hubbell (A&R# 1841) and Rosamond E. Dunton. Alfred and Rosamond are in the 1995 book but Royal is not listed. We also found in the Florida vital records that his wife's name was Ruby Jane Nobel and they were married 3 June 1912 in Clay, Florida.

Next we checked the 1900 census records and found Royal living in Fremont, Colorado with wife Theodocia (who was born in Minnesota) and 5 children aged 1 to 10. The Library of Congress newspaper collection includes the 27 December 1885 St Paul, Minnesota *Daily Globe* that reports, "Thursday evening Theodosia K Woodley, also of the class of '83, Red Wing High School and Royal W. Hubbell, one of our prominent photographers were joined in holy matrimony . . .". He also appears in the 1910 Volusia, Florida as a fruit grower, the 1920 census as a trained nurse (an error) and 1930 census as an orange grower – more on that later.

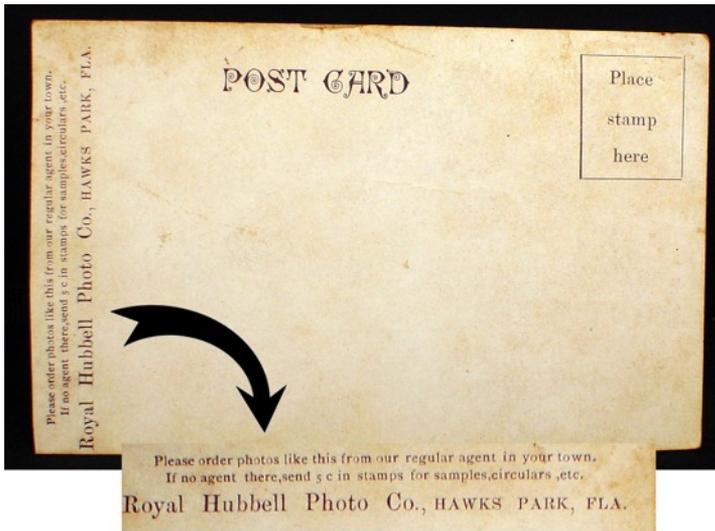
Photography by the 1880's was a maturing science and we wanted to know more about Royal. The first item found was in the 25 June 1895 *Denver Post* with the following ad: "Your



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Portrait by Royal W. Hubbell

PHIZ- send pictures and 25c receive 12 photos Royal Hubbell Golden Colo”. It was reported in Marietta, Georgia July 1902 that “Mr. Royal Hubbell, our new photographer has occupied the Colonel Blair Cottage on Lawrence Street”. On 7 August 1902 he published an article in the *Marietta Matters* where he stated he took as many as 50 baby pictures a day and that if you wanted good baby photos the name on them should be Royal Hubbell. He pursued photography as a business and hobby producing post card photos of the Edgewater, Florida



community and selling photographs of stranded sperm whales to the Smithsonian Institution.

He moved to Hawk Park, Florida about 1909 and hired Joseph Morford from Daytona, Florida to build a large house. By 1914 he was a commissioner for the community to investigate tourist trade advertising and to purchase real estate and a cemetery for the Hawks Park Village Improvement Association. In addition to building a large house, he owned an automobile, made trips as far as Nashville to visit relatives and drove it in a parade to sell Liberty bonds during World War I. He was engaged in selling and renting real estate but on a small scale. He advertised a 3800 sq ft lot in Edgewater and said if you didn't like the property after one year, he would buy it back for \$1,000 dollars.

Agriculture as producer and seller was another enterprise for Royal. In 1924 he was an agent for whole grain wheat in the Independent Stores. He also grew citrus fruit. In 1915 he shipped a “few” oranges. By 1921-1922 he was advertising in the *Charlotte Observer*, that he had for sale Indian River oranges and grapefruit at 25c a dozen, or 65c a peck at the Southern Freight Depot.

To complete the picture of this interesting Hubbell, we are reminded that he was a Seventh Day Adventist elder, conducting services, attending camp ground meetings and even offered a prayer that was printed in the *Tampa Tribune* of 1914. Royal did well. He was prosperous, raised a large family and left his mark on all the baby pictures that bear his name on the back. He is another important addition to the family.

**Source:** Florida State Vital Records (Ancestry.com and Familysearch.com)

Census Records (Ancestry.com)

27 December 1885 *Daily Globe* (Library of Congress)

25 June 1895 *Denver Post* (Genealogybank.com)

24 July 1902 *Marietta Matters* (Genealogybank.com)

7 Aug 1902 *Marietta Matters* (Genealogybank.com)

22 Feb 1908 *Daytona Gazette* (Library of Congress)

17 April 1914 *New Smyrna Daily News* (Newspaperarchive.com)

5 April 1926 *New Smyrna Daily News* (Newspaperarchive.com)

13 June 1924 *New Smyrna Daily News* (Newspaperarchive.com)

Smithsonian Institution Report of the National Museum year ending 30

June 1909 (Genealogybank.com)

Image of America: Edgewater; Sammons & Sikes, Arcadia Publishing, 2005 (google.com)



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## UNRAVELING THE MYSTERY OF MONROE HUBBELL'S DISAPPEARANCE

By Dorcas Aunger

In the early 1890's, my great grandfather, Monroe Hubbell (A&R# 3572), a cattle rancher, from Hollister, California, went back to his home state of New York on business. He completed his business and started home. He wired the family from Cheyenne, Wyoming to tell them what stage he was on and when it was expected in California. When it did not arrive, his son (my grandfather, Monroe Emerson Hubbell) tried to find out what had happened. I imagine that his brother, Sullivan probably looked into it too. Monroe was told by the stage company that the coach with all its passengers and cargo had disappeared. For almost 106 years, this was all the information we had about him, until 2011.

On a Sunday in June, 2011, I got an Email "Hint" from [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com), to look at a record they had found. When I looked, I found it to be a record from the 1910 census of Corona, Riverside County, California. It was the family of Monroe Emerson, but what a mess! The census taker had terrible handwriting and must have been hard of hearing as well. For M. E. Hubbell, he had written W.E. Haskell. For his wife, Clara, he had written Clair. For his daughter,

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Lorena, he had written Norend and even had a sister, Geneva Hubbell, listed for M. E. Hubbell. That last entry should have been sister-in-law, Georgiellen Primmer. Then the transcriber made more errors trying to decipher the poor handwriting with unfamiliar names. I started submitting corrections for the bad entries, when I discovered someone else was also making corrections (which were okay). Her name was Mary McRoberts. I had never heard of her.

I followed the links to Mary's family tree on ancestry and the information was good except that it also showed a date and place of death for Monroe. I contacted Mary through Member Connect and asked where she found that information. The following day, I had an Email from Mary. She is the record keeper and historian for the Columbia Cemetery (formerly the Boulder Cemetery) in Boulder, Colorado. She said that the early records of the cemetery were not carefully kept, and that she was upset by not being able to identify the families of people buried there in the early days, so she worked on Ancestry to see if she could find family members. She said that Monroe Hubbell of Hollister, California, was buried in her cemetery, and referred me to a newspaper article on the site of Colorado Historic Newspapers Online. I checked the site and found an article in the Sept. 11, 1895 edition of *The Boulder Camera*. In a column entitled, "Langford Budget", on page 2, a correspondent from Langford, Colorado (a coal camp), wrote, "Monroe Hubbell, of Hollister, Cala, died suddenly of heart disease last Friday and was buried at Boulder cemetery."

So now we know that he died on Friday, Sept. 6, 1895, in Langford, Boulder County, Colorado, and was buried in Boulder (now Columbia) Cemetery, in Boulder, Colorado. Langford was about 5 miles south of Boulder. I checked all the papers from this and other Colorado places for a month prior to his death. There were no references to him.

Mary McRoberts says his grave is not marked and that he was probably buried in one of several 'Potters Fields' within the cemetery. A Potter's Field is a burial ground for unidentified or indigent people. We know that Monroe was not in those categories, but because there was no one there to claim the body or pay for a regular grave, that he was buried there.

So all this leaves several questions to still solve. Was Langford a regular stop on the stage line, or did it stop there because Monroe got sick? Did he die while aboard the stage or after it reached Langford? What happened to his belongings (suitcase, wallet, etc.)? Langford is about 90 miles due south of Cheyenne and not too far from Denver. Why was he on a route that took him so far south? The most obvious route from Cheyenne led thorough Rawlins, Wyoming to Salt Lake City, and from there through Reno to Sacramento. Did the stage really disappear after Monroe left it? Or was the Stage Company agent too busy to investigate and gave that as an excuse? Why did he take a stage instead of the railroad? I didn't think we would ever find out what happened to Monroe. I wonder if any of these questions will ever be answered.





## 2012: 100th Anniversary of the Huble Homestead.

Edited by Richard W Hubble

On September 4, 1872 **Albert James Huble (A&R# 8265)** was born to Nancy and Samuel Hubble (1) in Oak Lake, Ontario. The oldest son of eleven children, young Albert is said to have left home at the age of 13 after an argument with his father. After spending five years in Chicago, he moved westward, eventually making his way into Canada in the 1890's

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The Huble Homestead is a historic site located in the Giscome Portage Regional Park near present day Prince George, British Columbia, Canada. The Homestead was created in 1984 to preserve the Huble House on its original site. As a result the Giscome Portage Regional Park was established in 1986 and the Huble house was declared a designated heritage building. The site was officially opened for visitors, as a living heritage site, in 1989.

The Homestead is operated by the Huble Homestead / Giscome Portage Heritage Society. The Society's mission is to establish a network of people committed to preserving and developing the history of the Huble Homestead, Giscome Portage, and surrounding area. Today the historic site is open daily during the summer for guided tours, school programs, and special events. In 2012, the Society celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Huble Homestead.





**Albert James Huble (A&R# 8265)**



**Annie Mae Hart Huble**

He held a variety of jobs during his migration westward. Besides working on the Canadian Pacific Railroad, he tried fishing off the coast of British Columbia. Albert, along with three other men, purchased a fishing schooner. However the first time out on the water, a violent storm came up and all being inexperienced, were glad to get back on shore alive. At this point Albert said "I'll never go out there again." He also went to the Yukon, in 1899, to try his luck in the gold fields. However, when he got there he found that all claims on the Klondike had been staked. Albert left Dawson City (now called Dawson) in December, travelling south through the Yukon into British Columbia and spent some time at Telegraph Creek in the northwestern part of British Columbia. Later, in 1900, Albert continued south, ending up in the Fort George (now Prince George) area where he trapped on the upper Fraser River and met trapper Edward Seebach.

In 1904 Huble and Seebach formed a partnership and started up a trading post which did a flourishing business freighting, guiding, surveying, and fur trading. Albert Huble settled on the land where the Huble house now stands. Al and Ed rebuilt the old Portage trail and many, many, loads of freight passed over this road on its way to Summit and McLeod Lakes. Edward Seebach settled near Huble's homestead around 1909. Huble staked out many sections and quarter sections of land surrounding the Huble House. This settlement became known as the Giscome Portage. The homestead is approximately 40 miles north of Prince George.

During the winter of 1910-11, Albert made his first trip away from the homestead; heading back to Ontario. During his visit he met and courted Annie May Hart, who was living in Havelock, Ontario. Annie was born in 1882 and had three children from a previous marriage. Albert proposed on New Year's Day 1911. She came back to Albert's Giscome Portage homestead in British

Columbia but her first spring at the homestead was a challenge. She was five months pregnant (with Bebe) and had to endure the rigors and tribulations of being a pioneer woman with swarms of hungry mosquitoes and homesickness. But she adapted, raising four daughters and three sons.

In a letter to the Society, Mrs. Barbara Verne Munk-Buxton (daughter of Martha Marian (#10810) said ,” Grandpa Huble had left home at 13 years of age and after many travels ended up pre-empting land and homesteading at Giscome Portage which is about 40 miles north of Prince George in British Columbia, Canada. He wrote to his family to let them know he was in the market for a ‘hard working’ woman to help him as he ended up farming, surveying, trapping, fur trading, freighting over water and land, running a store and being the postmaster. Annie Mae was one of the busy people of this world and died at 73 years, possibly of exhaustion. A. J. ran a trading post at McLeod Lake and Annie had a store at Summitt Lake which is on the Great Divide so the water runs to the Artic and to the Pacific depending on what river you travel. . . The Huble Farm and farmhouse are part of a regional park and has been designated a Heritage Site as has the Giscome Portage Trail which runs from the Fraser River to Summitt Lake and was part of Canada’s transportation system in pioneer days.”

In 1929 Albert sold his Giscome Portage property after he had moved his family into Prince George. Albert James Huble died December 29, 1947 at the age of 75. In his 75 years he enjoyed a variety of jobs, working as a laborer, logger, barber, fisherman, trapper, farmer, rancher, freighter, trader, store clerk, wood cutter, land locator, and real estate speculator. Annie Huble passed away in 1949 at the age of 67.

Albert and Annie are not in the 1995 Additions and Revisions genealogy. Below is an expanded entry that will be included in the new updated Genealogy.



**Martha Marian (A&R# 10810)**

**8265. Albert James Huble** of Prince George BC s/o 5479.Old Lake Sam & Nancy (Drain) 1872, 29 Dec 1947 Prince George BC mar 1st Martha Louisa Saunders; mar 2d 18 Dec 1901 Mrs Anne Mae Hart Copperwaite 1882, 1 Dec 1949 Prince George; issue:

- 10809. Adelaide Marion (Ada); 1901?(not in Y1). Married Clarence Foster, no children
- 10810. Martha Marian (Martha); 25 April 1913- mar 1st Thomas Corless; issue\* mar 2d Carl Molgaard ?1978. [Martha was born April 25, 1913 at the Huble Homestead. She recalled that there were first nations people frequently at the Huble Homestead. She remembers that as a little girl she thought they were beautiful



**Bertha Bernice (Bebe) (A&R# 10811)**



**Frances Patricia (Pat) (A&R# 10812)**

people. She described them as being very courteous and kind and wearing bright colored clothing. Martha also remembers when her father had come across a baby moose and brought it home and raised it with a bottle. When it got older, they made a harness for him and he pulled the children on a sleigh. The moose also used to open the house door with his hoof and go in. They would have to open the door on the other side of house and let him make his way through. Martha married Thomas Smith Corless, a pioneer bush pilot and prospector. They had five daughters: Barbara Vern Munk, Sylvia Ann Butteridge, Ida Rosalee Lorenz, Vera Patricia Ramsey, Deborah Joan Corless. Martha passed away October 27, 1986 in Quesnel.]

10811. Bertha Bernice (Bebe); first child of Albert and Annie, 18 Oct 1911. 1959 mar 1st Ivan Wayant; issue\* mar 2d Alan Brown; issue\*. [Bertha was born in 1911 at the Huble Farm. She was Albert and Annie's first common child. Bertha was born in the cabin that later became the kitchen. She weighed 2 lbs. and was kept on the oven door in a box lined with soft cotton to keep her warm. She married Ivan Wayant, who as a boy came to Canada from Idaho with his father. They had one son, Garry Wayant. Bertha passed away in 1959.]

10812. Frances Patricia (Pat); 7 Sep 1914 mar Menlo Park CA Joseph F. Rice 4 Aug 1914? issue\*. [Pat was born September 7, 1914. She moved to California and married Joe Rice. They had three children: Leslie White who was born in California, Lynn Morrison born in England, and son Rick also born in California. Patricia passed away in 1989 in Menlo Park, California.]

10813. Gladys May (May); 1 May 1916? mar William Redman Henry; issue\* res Sydney B.C. [May was born in 1916 at the Huble Homestead. She remembers the "old fashioned candy jars and licorice at the end of the counter" from the general store and the crab apple trees that grew on the east side of the garden. May married William Henry who worked at Hudson Bay outposts: Takla, Babine, etc. May and William had four children together: Patrick Henry born in Port Alberni, Barry Henry born in Prince George, Joan Kin born in Fairview, Alberta and Pamela Henry born in Victoria. May passed away in Victoria in 1998.]

+10814. Albert James (Al Jr.); b 1917/9. [Al Jr. was born in 1918 at the Huble Farm. He was the only boy born on the homestead, so he received his own room. One



**Gladys May (May) (A&R# 10813)**



**Albert James (Al Jr.) (A&R# 10814)**

time Al got into the building his father used to make huckleberry wine. He opened the spigot and poured himself a glass. Unfortunately, his little escapade turned into a disaster. He accidentally left the spigot open, and all the wine drained out. He got into a lot of trouble when he finally came out of hiding. Al married Bertha Anne Howe, whom he met in England during the war where they were both in service. They had one daughter, Beryl Botham. Al passed away in February, 2007 in Prince George.]

+10815. Samuel Edward (Sam); b1921. [Sam was born January 15, 1921 in Prince George. He recalls that the Summit Lake Store was built during the beginning of the First World War. Sam worked for CNR where he covered many different aspects of railroading. He married Violet Elizabeth Shepherd. They had one son, Myles. Sam passed away November 6, 1987.]

10816. Dean Richard 14 Sep 193130 Oct 1954 in a boating accident nr Huble's Island, Prince George. [Dean was born around 1930. He drowned as a young man in 1954 in Summit Lake.]

1) Source: A&R [YI][Nq - ltr from Barbara Munk-Buxton 1998][Yp - British Columbia vital statistics] and the Hublehomestead website.



**Samuel Edward (Sam) (A&R# 10815)**



**Dean Richard (A&R# 10816)**



# New Light on the NORTHWESTERN FUR COMPANY

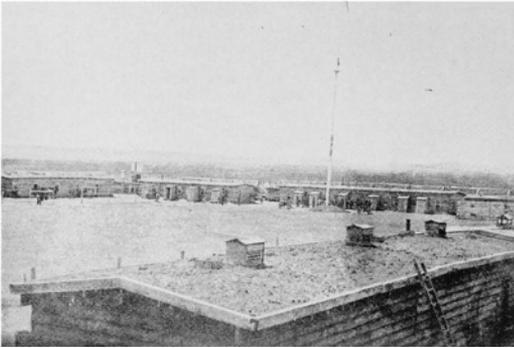
By LUCILE M. KANE

A PICTURE of the organization and activities of the little-known Northwestern Fur Company, which operated on the upper Missouri River from 1865 to 1870, emerges from the papers of **James Boyd Hubbell (A&R# 2260)**, recently presented to the Minnesota Historical Society by his daughter, **Mrs. Vincent W. Dawson of St. Paul**. Only scant and scattered information about the formation and operation of the company was available before the discovery of the **Hubbell Papers**. Among the sixty-five items in the collection are Hubbell's correspondence with his family and business associates, his diaries for 1880 and 1891, business accounts, articles of agreement, depositions, and miscellaneous papers. [1]

Heretofore, little has been known, not only about the Northwestern Fur Company, but about Hubbell himself. According to an obituary published at the time of his death in 1905, he moved to Minnesota from Winsted, Connecticut, in 1857. At Mankato, his first home in Minnesota, he helped organize the First National Bank and entered the mercantile business. At the time of his residence there, the Indian trade was flourishing, and Hubbell was soon in the thick of it. With his fellow townsman, Alpheus F. Hawley, he formed a partnership to trade in the Far West. By the 1860s, he was engaged in freighting, filling government contracts, and trading with the Indians at several posts on the Missouri River.[2] It was as a result of the contacts made there that the Northwestern Fur Company was formed.

Earlier, it was known that the Northwestern Fur Company was organized in 1864-65 by Hubbell and Hawley, who bought out the upper Missouri posts of Pierre Chouteau, Jr., and Company; that the firm sold its posts below Fort Union in 1869 to Durfee and Peck; and that it retired from the trade above Fort Union in 1870. General Regis de Trobriand, commandant at Fort Stevenson on the Missouri from 1867 to 1869, added substantially to the elusive lore of the company when he recounted in his diary stories about its traders. Additional bits of information concerning Hubbell's trading activities can be gleaned from the papers of Alexander Ramsey and John P. Williamson and from a reminiscent newspaper article published in 1898. But the newly acquired papers constitute by far the most extensive body of information yet discovered about the Northwestern Fur Company. [3]

The story of the firm, as unfolded in the Hubbell Papers, is fairly detailed. The events leading to its formation began in the spring of 1865, when Hubbell was in Washington, D.C., obtaining licenses to trade with the Indians. There he met Charles P. Chouteau, Jr., who suggested that Hubbell buy the forts and goods of the Chouteau company on the Missouri River. Hubbell made the



**Interior of Fort Rice in the 1860's. Located on the upper Missouri River in the Dakota Territory**

purchase, and then gave Hawley a half interest. Soon James A. Smith, prime mover in J. A. Smith and Company, Chicago dealers in hats, caps, and furs, heard about the sale from Chouteau's agent in New York, and went to Washington to see Hubbell. According to the latter, "we then decided to organize the N. W. Fur Co., including C. F[rancis] Bates, J. A. Smith, Alpheus F. Hawley and Jas. B. Hubbell." [4] The

agreement creating the company, signed in New York City on March 23, 1865, is among the most revealing items in Hubbell's papers.

There, for example, the arrangements made by the partners are set forth. Hubbell, who already held government licenses to trade with the Indians at Forts Sully, Rice, and Berthold on the Missouri River, and at points yet unnamed in the Crow Indian country, as well as a sutlership at Fort Sully, agreed to proceed to these posts, where he would carry out "the terms of sale proposed by Messrs Chouteau & Co taking due and formal possession of the forts, trading posts, goods and accessories" for the Northwestern Fur Company. [5] The obligations and rewards of each partner are clearly defined in the agreement, which was to run for four years. Hawley and Hubbell, as managing partners, contributed to the new company's capital ten thousand dollars in cash and the goods already at their posts in Dakota Territory; in return they were to receive half of the net profits. Bates and Smith agreed to pay the Chouteau organization debts owed by Hawley and Hubbell and to furnish fifty thousand dollars in goods and cash. In return, each was to receive one-fourth of the net profits.

An adjustment in the distribution of profits was made at the end of the first year, when Bates increased his contribution to the company's capital. Under the terms of the new arrangement, Bates received two-fifths of the net profits; Hawley and Hubbell, two-fifths; and J. A. Smith and Company, one-fifth. [6] On March 9, 1869, at the end of the four-year period, the partners made another agreement outlining plans for liquidating the business within a year. The document describes the procedure for closing out the trade along the Missouri below Fort Buford and on Devils Lake in Dakota Territory; and for the continuation of business in 1869-70 at forts above Fort Buford with goods transferred from the lower posts. The company's accounts for the years from 1865 to 1870, also among the Hubbell Papers, provide details about the partners' financial arrangements, and include lists of furs gathered at the upper Missouri posts.

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Personal letters, as well as business records, in the collection throw light on the history of the fur company. For example, in a letter written on May 24, 1866, while aboard a steamboat going up the Missouri, Hubbell tells his wife in Mankato about the arrangements made with his partners and gives a report on the progress of business. He writes that "Hawley remains at Ft Sully, he is making us a good trade there will probably get from four to five thousand (buffalo) Robes there beside his small Fur. Our collection of Robes will probably be about 25 000 & small Fur enough to swell the collection up to Equal to 30,000. This will pay for everything which has been invested and whatever Goods & property are left on hand with the Forts & Buildings at the Post will be clear profit."

Hubbell traded on the upper Missouri during a turbulent period in Indian-white relations. Following the Sioux Outbreak of 1862, military expeditions ranged the plains searching for the guilty bands that had left their bloody mark upon the Minnesota frontier. The Sioux of the Dakota area, intermixed with the hostiles from Minnesota, also had war on their minds. A string of military posts across the plains and up the Missouri served as a stern reminder that the white man was in the West to stay. The Indians uneasily observed the coming of caravans bearing supplies for the posts and of the pathfinders who were to make their hunting grounds a highway to the Pacific. In the mid-1860s the Sioux struck at the enemy in a show of force calculated to stem the white tide. They fought as they always had fought, attacking unguarded supply trains, worrying lonely woodcutters, killing isolated men who ventured too far from the posts, and playing a game of hit-and-run with the soldiers at the forts. Caught in the middle of a sporadic war, Hubbell lost trade goods and furs as his wagon trains moved from one post to another. His business suffered, too, when he furnished supplies to the troops at Fort Buford, the military post at the junction of the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers, which was beleaguered by the Sioux in the winter of 1866-67, and when they destroyed his post on the Niobrara River.

From 1868 until 1904, Hubbell tried to recover his losses by presenting claims on behalf of the Northwestern Fur Company against the United States government. In preparing them, he wrote letters and secured depositions which contain information on his activities in the Indian trade of the West, on the Sioux attacks on Fort Buford, on the ransom paid by Hubbell's men to the hostiles who blocked the passage of his wagon trains, on the effect of Indian warfare on the fur trade, and on the hostilities of Indian bands led by Sitting Bull. Although Senators Knute Nelson and Moses Clapp urged that Hubbell's claims be allowed, the government never granted the funds he requested. [7]

In the midst of his difficulties with the hostile Sioux, Hubbell accepted a new responsibility that brought him into still closer touch with that troubled nation. In 1864 he was commissioned by the government to

transport the Santee Sioux remaining on a reservation north of Fort Ridgely on the Minnesota River to Fort Thompson on the lower Missouri. Among Hubbell's papers is a deposition dated November 20, 1902, made by Byron E. Pay, the man engaged by Hubbell to make the trip with the Indians. Pay not only describes his journey from Fort Ridgely to Pipestone, where his train was joined by fifty of Hubbell's wagons loaded with supplies for the Indians, but he tells of the difficulties encountered in carrying out his task.

Hubbell's experience as a trader represents only one phase of a varied business career. Operating from his homes in Mankato and St. Paul, he traveled extensively throughout the United States, developing railroads in Minnesota and Dakota, mines in Montana and Dakota, townsites in Montana, and gypsum mills in Michigan. The fact that railroads seem to have absorbed his attention in the 1870s and 1880s is reflected in items among his papers relating to the Minnesota and Northwestern and the Southern Minnesota railroad companies, the Central Railroad Company of Minnesota, and the Rocky Fork and Cooke City Railway Company of Montana. Included, for example, is a copy of a *Prospectus* published by the latter road in 1887, giving data on gold, silver, and copper mining in Montana, and on the various companies formed for that purpose. This pamphlet is not the only indication in the papers that Hubbell was broadly interested in mining. Also included is a stock certificate of 1903 in the Cook Gold Mining and Milling Company of South Dakota, illustrated with mining scenes. Other references to mining appear in Hubbell's diary for 1880, which tells of his visits to the Homestake, Father de Smet, and Florence mines during a trip from Montana to St. Paul.

Some personal information about the Hubbell family is to be found in the papers. Hubbell's many references to his home in Mankato, and to St. Paul, where he lived after 1881 and where his business interests were closely allied with those of Amherst H. Wilder, bespeak his affection for the state in which he lived. He kept in touch with relatives in Connecticut through correspondence with an uncle, James Boyd. In a long letter written on September 6, 1868, and preserved in Hubbell's papers, the stay-at-home Boyd displays a keen interest in the nephew who ranged from Michigan to New Orleans, and from New York to Montana. After asking for more news of Hubbell's "goings and movements," he remarks: "To me the rapid growth of the West has an engrossing interest, and my admiration of the energetic men, who are accomplishing such wonders there, is unbounded. I hope I may not only live to see the rails all laid to San Francisco & Pugets Sound, but that I may yet travel over them and see the wonders of the Pacific region."

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These newly acquired papers depict Hubbell as a chameleon-like entrepreneur, changing his interests as new opportunities unfolded. In a country where natural resources were abundant and skilled management and capital scarce, he followed the natural lines of economic development, turning from furs to mining, trade, transportation, and townsites. Energetic, imaginative, and optimistic, he entered each new enterprise with fresh enthusiasm. It was not money alone that he sought, for as early as May 24, 1866, he wrote to his wife that "money making for me is now but a game of excitement." He felt the exhilaration of moving along in the mainstream of the Northwest, identifying his interests with those of the fast-growing country.

But the Northwest grew too fast for him. By 1900, a magical change had come over its "wild regions." Mankato, the boom town from which his wagons traveled westward, had become a quiet city. St. Paul, the rude capital, had almost fulfilled the promise of its raucous boosters as it matured into a metropolis. The Far West, too, had changed, adding to its economy of furs, gold, and silver the sobering alloy of cattle, sheep, and farms. Before he died, Hubbell had already become a man of the past. Out of his adventures, his struggles, his acquisition and loss of fortunes, there remains a small monument-his papers. In them, scholars now have a new avenue to the understanding of his times.

[1] The names Northwestern Fur Company, Northwest Fur Company, and North West Fur Company are used interchangeably in the papers. Since "Northwestern Fur Company" occurs most frequently, it has been adopted for use in this article. A few manuscripts in the Hubbell Papers, including the diaries of 1880 and 1891, are on microfilm, and the originals of these are owned by Mrs. Dawson.

[2] *Mankato Free Press*, December 20, 1908.

[3] See Hiram M. Chittenden, *The Arnerizan Fur Trade of the Far West*, 1:364, 366 (New York, 1902), and the same author's *History of Early Steamboat Navigation on the Missouri Muer*, 236, 260 (New York, 1903); Lucile M. Kane, translator and editor, *Military Life in Dakota: The Journal of Philippe Regis de Trobriand*, 57, 83, 133, 157, 281, 295, 298, 300, 338. (St. Paul, 1951, and the St. Paul Pioneer Press, December 11, 1898. The Ramsey and Williamson papers are owned by the Minnesota Historical Society.

[4] See an undated manuscript signed "A Frontiersman," which was presumably written by Hubbell for an unknown newspaper, and the Chicago City *Directiry*, 1865, p. 794. The quoted statement appears as a marginal note in Hubbell's copy of Chittenden's *Steamboat Navigation on the Missouri*, 239, which is owned by Mrs. Dawsol. A typewritten copy of the note is among the Hubbell Papers.

[5] Although the agreement here quoted is undoubtedly that forming the Northwestern Fur Company, the name of the company is not mentioned in the document.

[6] This arrangement is dated in an annotation to the original agreement, dated March 5, 1868.

[7] Most of the information in the Hubbell Papers on Sioux hostilities is to be found in depositions dated November 19 and December 3, 1902, made by Charles W. Hoffman, a sutler at Fort Buford in 1866. Hubbell's claims are summarized in 41 Congress, 2 session, *Senate Reports*, no. 337, p. 1-3 (serial 1443).

For additional information on James Boyd Hubbell see “Hubbell Pioneers”, published by The Hubbell Family Historical Society, 1989, Chapter 42, page 287, written by Anna Joy Munday Hubble.

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## A Hubbell in the White House?

By Hilbert Hubble

In the winter 1850-51 a teacher in Warrensville, Ohio began a relationship with a pupil that was open and unconcealed. The teacher was 20 year old James A. Garfield, future president of the United States and 18 year old **Mary Louisa Hubbell**. Mary (A&R# 2514) was one of four children of **Solyman (Lyon) Hubbell (A&R# 1129)**, a trustee of Warrensville, Ohio and Lucinda Bell. In November 1851 James again taught school and Mary was again his pupil. She visited him at Hiram in the spring of 1852 and he made at least one visit to her home. We can be sure that Garfield considered her his future wife. She was described as bright and sprightly but in the opinion of Corydon B. Fuller, a friend and advisor of Garfield, unsuitable as a wife for such a man as Garfield.

In response to a letter from Corydon, Garfield said he was not formally engaged to her but he admitted a relationship and that people considered them engaged. He was concerned that people would view him as a man who trifled with the affections of a woman. Corydon then wrote him again and advised him under no circumstances to marry her. In a 9 April 1853 letter, Garfield explained that his heart bleeds for “that poor girl”. But Garfield said that although he felt a great obligation for her sympathy, kindness and affection should these considerations “curb my career?”

The relationship ended and many people severely censured him for his decision. As early as 1855 he sought to recover the letters he had written to Mary. He asked his cousin, Henry Boynton, to visit her. Henry wrote that Mary was at home but her father had told her not to give up her letters, that there was enough in them to “prove all they want”. Mary Louisa married William Taylor in 1858 and in the same year, James married Lucretia Randolph. James A. Garfield became the twentieth President of the United States 4 March 1881 only to be assassinated 200 days later. Letters of James to Mary are now in the Library of Congress. When received in the library they were carefully bound with correspondence with other girls and labeled “Miss”.

Sources:

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# Hubbell's in the Circus

**Editor's Note:** In 2011, Frank Hashimoto contacted the Society concerning two paintings that he possessed that were painted by Jacob "Jake" Hubbell (A&R# 6672). Frank is related to Jake through his mother, Osai. (see genealogy, Figure 1) In 2012, the paintings were donated to the Society and now reside at the Hubbell Center in De Moines, Iowa. The paintings can be viewed in the recent posts section at [www.hubbell.org](http://www.hubbell.org).

Frank's daughter, Nancy Hashimoto, while a student at DePaul University, researched the history of circus life in the late 19th and early 20th century as a Master's thesis project. Her thesis includes the story of Jake Hubbell, his wife Marjorie and adopted daughter, Osai, and his five nieces, all of whom were circus performers. Presented below is an excerpt from Nancy's thesis. Text in parenthesis are notes added by the Editor. Included are pictures sent by Nancy and gathered by Pat Dawson of the Hubbell Center.

Jacob "Jake" Hubbell was born August 25, 1882 to Frank Hubbell and Melissa Sprague. His father was born in Ohio in 1853 and his family moved first to Kansas, then to West Central Illinois where they settled in Fulton County and where Jake was born. Jake's grandfather had been a steamboat captain and

a Mason lodge member and his father, besides being a farmer and a coal miner, was also a marine engineer. (1)



**Picture 1: Jacob "Jake" Hubbell (A&R# 6672) performing as the "understander", or bottom man in a two-man handstand, with Jack Ernst. They were billed as "The Ernstonians". Circa early 1900's**

Fulton County was a land abundant in coal resources and the area was extensively strip-mined. Jake became a coal miner in Fulton County and it was recorded as his profession in the 1900 US census. (2) The land in the area was largely under the control of the mines and by 1969 nearly 44,000 acres had been stripped (68.7 square miles). After the mine company utilizes land it is suitable only for pasture and not agricultural use. (3) Jake may have realized his limited opportunities in Fulton County, so he turned

elsewhere. He would find his calling as a circus performer.

It is unclear exactly how, why and when Jake got involved with show business. What is known is the type of act he performed, as well as that of his wife, Marjorie, whom he married March 4, 1911. Jake was the *understander* in the duo with Jack Ernst called “The Ernstonians.” Billed as “Acrobats and Double Trapeze Artists,” they performed, among other things, a two-man handstand where Jake was the bottom man or *understander* (see Picture 1). Jake was skilled in strong acrobatics such as this, trapeze gymnastics, high wire acts, and bareback horse riding.

After pairing with Jake, Jack Ernst formed a trapeze act called “The Flying Ernstonians”. The group was composed of Jack Ernst, twins Pauline and Ora Norine Blush, and George Nokikoff. George was formerly part of the famous “Flying Jordans”. The twins, Pauline and Ora, married George Nokikoff and John Ernst, respectively, both in 1913. But tragedy struck the group in 1921 when Jack Ernst fell during a trapeze act and died of his injuries.

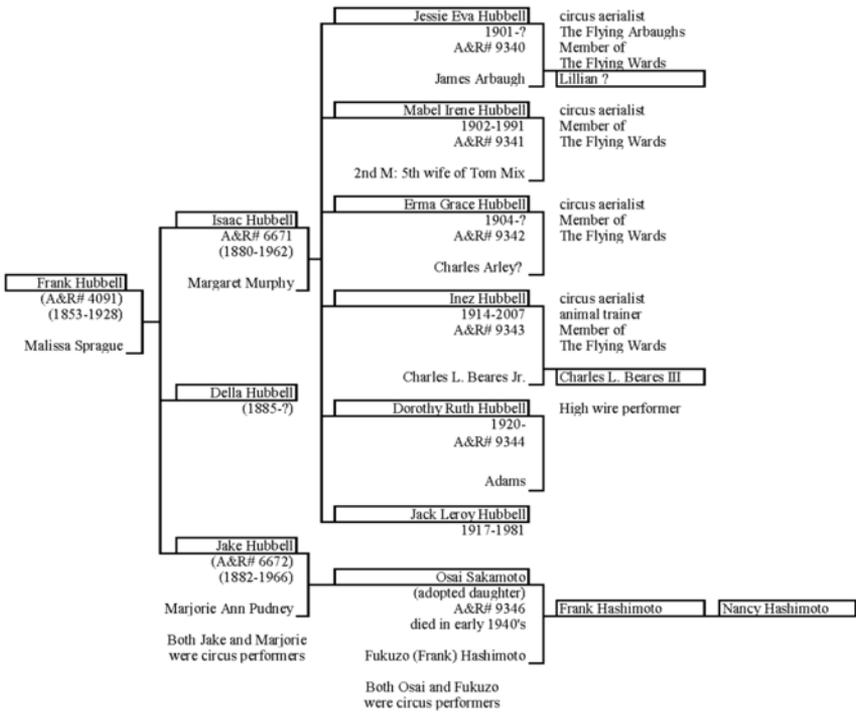
Both before and after their career as “Ernstonians”, Pauline and Ora performed together as the “Loretta Twins” on the triple horizontal bars for twenty-five years in various *dog and pony shows* as well as for Ringling Brothers. The “Loretta Twins” earned success enough to secure the cover of Billboard Magazine on April 17, 1915. Ora would continue performing after her husband’s death and performed gymnastic feats on a bar 38 feet high.

Pauline and Ora were friends and fellow performers with Marjorie Pudney who would later marry Jake Hubbell. It is likely that the couple was introduced through their common associations with the “Loretta Twins” and Jack Ernst. Marjorie Ann Pudney, was born in Linthorpe, England June 17, 1878 to Phillip Charles Pudney and Georgiana Jones. She was married to another man in England prior to Jake named Johnny Albion. (8) No other information is



**Picture 2: Majorie, adopted daughter Osai and Jacob Hubbell. Picture taken sometime after their retirement from circus life (1919) at their home in Fulton County Illinois**

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**Figure 1: Jacob “Jake” and Isaac Hubbell Genealogy including Hashimoto Line**

available about their marriage. Marjorie must have come to America with her parents, for her parents are both buried in Brunswick Cemetery in Peoria County, Illinois. (9)

Marjorie’s specialty in the circus was the iron jaw act, which she performed without a safety wire or net. The iron jaw is “a classic circus act and is seemingly one of the most dangerous and impossible to perform.” (10) The performer is suspended from the tent ceiling only by a single wire attached to a mouthpiece. The artist must have a jaw of iron to suspend their entire weight with their mouth. According to circus historian Tom Ogden, prior to the 1930’s, mouthpieces were composed of several layers of sewn leather. The danger of the iron jaw act was not merely the obvious loosening of the grip and falling, but also gagging and choking as the tongue falls back in the throat when suspended vertically. (11)

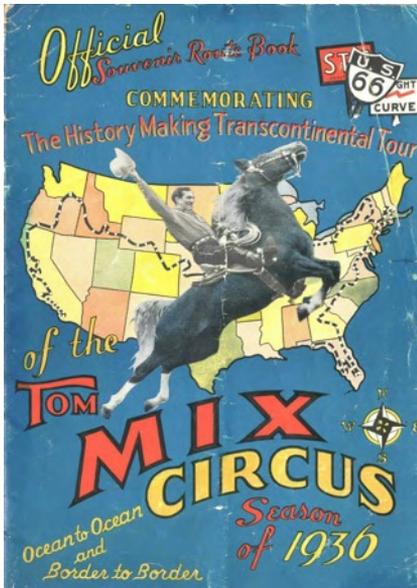
The iron jaw trick was taught to Marjorie by the “Tybell Sisters” named Clara and Margy who were famous performers with the Adam Forepaugh and Sells Brothers Circus. They dazzled audiences with their iron jaw act and spectacular costumes which made them appear as large butterflies. According to Tom Ogden, aerial butterflies were common in circuses in the 1890’s. The

timeframe of when Marjorie was taught the technique by the “Tybell Sisters” is unknown; the Forepaugh and Sells Brothers Circus operated between 1896 and 1911.

Marjorie was known to have performed her iron jaw act in 1910 with the “Loretta Twins”, Ora and Pauline, and is likely how Jake and Marjorie got introduced. They married the following year. Jake and Marjorie married at a late age for the period; he was 35 (12) and she was 39. The couple then formed their own act, known under the stage names of Jacob Leroy and Marjorie Leroy and the “Leroy Act”. The act included Jake’s three nieces – Jessie, Mabel and Erma.(13) In 1912, Jake’s nieces would have been eleven, ten and eight years old respectively. Jake and Margorie were employed with the Hagenbeck and Wallace Circus before they retired in 1919, but not before they met and became endeared to Osai Sakamoto.

At some period between 1912 and 1917, it is believe that Osai joined a show with Jake and Marjorie and that is how they became acquainted. (14) In 1917 on September 24th, Jake and Marjorie signed an agreement to “support, maintain, furnish board and suitable clothing” for Osai Sakamoto. The document was witnessed by a notary public and, in a puzzling measure, signed by Jacob Leroy and Marjorie Leroy, their stage names, not their legal names. It is unclear the purpose for this agreement. Possibly it was to escape some form of racism against Osai in Arkansas where the pact was made. It could also be a necessary agreement for some legal aspect of a circus contract. More likely, it

was merely a symbolic gesture on the part of this loving, endearing, childless couple toward the orphaned, abused “Little Osai.”



**Picture 3: Front cover to the publication of the Tom Mix 1936 Circus Show.**

Jake and Marjorie’s retirement in 1919 brought the Hubbell’s back to Fulton County, Illinois. (Picture 2) Jake made an agreement with a coal mine company for a 99-year lease on their property. (15) In the 1930 census he is recorded living in Farmington Township employed as a coal miner, operating and owning his own small mine. He would build his own house on the land, modeled after the House of Seven Gables. But the rural house did not have plumbing or any electricity. They had a pump on the kitchen sink to draw water from the well and a wood burning stove as their source of heat and cooking fire. (16)

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During this time Jake and Marjorie built a slack wire at their home where they gave free lessons to Jake's other two nieces, Inez and Dorothy, and other young girls from the area. A slack wire is typically 15 to 20 feet in length and approximately six feet off the ground. It is a difficult skill to master because the wire is not taut and the individual must balance not only the vertical steadiness but also the side-to-side sway that is not present in tight wire walking. Tom Ogden, circus historian, comments on the difficulty of the slack wire: "Many performers feel that the slack wire is much more difficult than a standard low wire because every bit of swing or



**Picture 4:** Erma Ward (Hubbell). Born Erma Grace Hubbell (A&R# 9342), she became one of the famous "Flying Wards". It is believed that she kept her performing name after leaving the "Flying Wards". **Top and Right:** featured as an "Aerial Gymnaste Supreme" while performing for the Sells Floto Circus in the late 1920's. **Left:** Circa 1930's possibly while performing with the Tom Mix Circus in 1936.

shakiness by the artist is multiplied several times over.” (17)

Throughout the years Jake and Marjorie continued teaching area children and provided entertainment to local events and festivals. An undated article records their teachings: “The children do especially well. The Hubbell’s have no children of their own, but enjoy working with their little friends, and do so because they love the work, and appreciate the efforts of the youngsters. Mr. Hubbell told a Star reporter that it takes about one year for one to get a perfect balance, and kindly went through the act with the two children, to demonstrate the points of tight wire walking. (18) The unending patience required to teach children the difficult task for several years exemplifies the steadfastness of their character and love of the performing arts.”

[Editor’s note: As mentioned above, several of the young girls that learned both slack wire and tight wire walking in Jake and Marjorie’s backyard were Jake’s nieces. Jake’s brother was Isaac “Ike” Hubbell (A&R# 6671). It seems that all five of Ike Hubbell’s daughters were circus performers: Jessie, Mabel, Erma, Inez and Dorothy (see Genealogy, Figure 1). By 1920, when Jake and Marjorie had retired from the circus, Jessie, Mabel and Erma were experienced performers, but Inez and Dorothy would only have been six and one year old respectively.

By the middle of the 1930’s, all five sisters were working in the circus. A 1936 Official Souvenir Route Book from the Tom Mix Circus (see picture 3) lists Jessie (Hubbell) Arbaugh, Dorothy Hubbell and Erma Ward (Hubbell) as Big Show Performers. Jessie and Dorothy were members of the Polo Girls: Helen Ford and Company of Lovely Lady Riders. Erma was billed as “The Sensation of Two Continents-Unrivaled and undisputed ‘Empress of the Air’, presenting her intrepid exhibition of endurance while suspended by one arm only, throwing her lithe and slender body into a hundred revolutions high above the heads of onlookers.” “Let All Eyes Be Upon Her!” It appears that Erma kept her stage name (Ward). (See Picture 4) Both Erma and Mabel were members of the Flying Wards Trapeze Act.

Later in the program is an announcement for “America’s Foremost Aerial Act-The Flying Arbaughs: Featuring that Daredevil flyer Mr. James Arbaugh. Because it was called The Flying Arbaughs, it is likely that Jessie Hubbell Arbaugh (James’ wife) and possible their daughter Lillian participated in the act.

All we know of Inez comes from her 2007 obituary. The following is an excerpt. “At a time when the Sels Floto Circus was drawing more than 10,000 people each day, Inez Hubbell Beares worked with her three sisters as part of the Flying Wards, a famous family of trapeze artists. Eventually, she became a catcher with the flying act.

Mrs. Inez Hubbell Beares died at a nursing home in Brandon, Fla. She was 94 and had lived in Apollo Beach, Fla., for 25 years. Born in Canton, Ill., just 70 miles from Bloomington, which housed a popular flying school, Mrs. Beares

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was just 16 when she joined her sisters in Sels Floto, the second-most popular circus in the country at the time behind Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey.

The Flying Wards, said Robert Sabia, the president of the Circus Historical Society, was "one of the best known names in circusdom in regards to flying acts." Mrs. Beares was one of the few women who worked as a catcher.

"Only because of the physical stress -- when you catch dead weight coming across, it was very difficult," he said. "Most women didn't have the physical strength. It would have been unusual and special."

Mrs. Beares' name is listed in a program from 1930 as performing in a couple of aerial ballets, Mr. Sabia said. In addition, it listed her as performing with thoroughbred horses on the hippodrome track -- the oval track that stretches around the three rings of a circus. Tom Mix, a famous cowboy of the day, joined Sels Floto circus in 1929, and later formed his own circus. Mrs. Beares, who was Mr. Mix's sister-in-law, joined him. In addition to her trapeze work in the center ring, she also worked as an elephant trainer. Mrs. Beares met her husband, Charles L. Beares Jr., when she was performing at West View Park in 1932 and he managed the park. She was performing a high pole act -- complete with handstands 100 feet in the air on a swaypole. They married in 1936. Mrs. Beares is survived by her son, Charles L. Beares III, of West Hampton Beach, N.Y.; younger sister, Dorothy Hubbell Adams, of Anaheim, Calif.; three grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.]

One of Ike's daughter's, Mabel Irene Hubbell, would later become the fifth wife of famed Western cowboy, Tom Mix. Mabel performed in the Tom Mix



**Picture 5:** Mabel Irene Hubbell (A&R# 9341). Mabel, with her sisters Jessie and Erma, performed with their uncle Jake and aunt Marjorie in the "Leroy Act" from about 1912 to 1919. Mabel was also a member of "The Flying Wards" with her sisters, and was the 5th wife of the famous cowboy movie star, Tom Mix. **Left:** Mabel and Tom Mix, circa late 1930's. **Right:** Mabel Hubbell, circa late 1920's or early 1930's.

Circus and Sells-Floto Circus as an aerial performer. Tom Mix and Mabel were married in 1932. (see Picture 5) It appears that by 1936 Mabel was no longer performing; at least not in the 1936 Tom Mix road show. Tom Mix was killed in an auto accident in 1940. After the accident, Mabel would start performing again. In an advertisement for the Arthur Bros. Circus 1943-1945, among other programs is listed Mrs. Tom Mix and the Mix Horse. Mabel died in 1991 and is buried in Florida.

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**DID YOU KNOW?** The earliest known Hubbell's involved with the circus were:

**Alonzo Hubbell** (A&R# 999). He performed cannon ball exercises, heavy juggling, and was often referred to as the "American Sampson" who could endure the weight of 2 men clinging to his hair while he hurled them around the arena until they lost hold from exhaustion. Alonzo performed with the Rockwell & Stone circus in 1845-46; the Banigan & Kelly circus in 1847; the Howes & Co. circus in 1849; the H. Buckley & Co. circus in 1857-58 and the Stickney's circus in the Old Bowery, NYC, in 1861. He married Miss Ann Harney of Dover, N.H. on Oct 13, 1850 in the Byron House, San Francisco, CA.

**William Hubbell** (A&R# unknown). He was the manager of the Hubble, Hunt & Co. circus (James Raymond, proprietor) in 1841; the Hubble & Co. circus (James Raymond, proprietor) in 1842; the Rockwell & Stone circus in 1846-47 and the European circus in 1849.

# THFHS COMMITTEES

Members who wish to participate in the business of the Society and donate their time to its activities are encouraged to do so. Please contact the appropriate Committee Chair or the Society for more information on how you can help.

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## GENEALOGY UPDATES

*Please report recent marriages, births, or deaths to:*  
**Hilbert R. Hubble, THFHS Genealogy Chair**

Helpful data to include, in addition to names, are places and exact dates of the particular event. Biographical data is important; newspaper clippings are especially valuable.

**Notice To All Members:** This is a reminder that membership forms, merchandise forms, Hubbell Hall of Fame forms and Scholarship forms are now available online at [www.hubbell.org](http://www.hubbell.org)

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## Committee Reports for 2012

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1 – December 31, 2012

#### BALANCE SHEET

Balance in Checking Account 01/01/2012		12,315.11
Member Income (Dues & Operational)	13,212.00	
Other Income	36.79	
Rate of Exchange	1.79	
Member reimbursements for returned checks	35.00	
Expenses	(\$15,948.87)	
Balance in Checking Account 12/31/12		9,615.03

#### INCOME & EXPENSES

<b>INCOME</b>		13,248.79
Dues	6,853.50	
Hubbell Center	1,866.00	
Scholarship Fund	1,436.00	
Foundation Funds	1,941.00	
Merchandise Sales	1,115.50	
Other Income	36.79	
<b>EXPENSES</b>		(15,948.87)
<b>POSTAGE</b>	1,565.07	
2011 Annual	3 95.71	
2012 Dues Notices	197.96	
2012 Past Dues Notices	90.00	
2012 Spring Family Notes	306.90	
2012 Fall Family Notes	286.44	
Treasurer (Merchandise/Batches)	288.06	
<b>PRINTING</b>	2,156.30	
2011 Annual	885.36	
2012 Dues Notices	175.36	
2012 Past Dues Notices	52.79	
2012 Spring Family Notes	590.75	
2012 Fall Family Notes	452.04	
DISBURSED TO HUBBELL CENTER	6,801.00	
TRANSFER TO SCHOLARSHIP	1,436.00	
DISBURSED TO HUBBELL FOUNDATON	1,941.00	

MERCHANDISE – Member Refund	30.00
BANK FEES –FOREIGN EXCHANGE	.41
ADJUSTMENT OF RETURNED MEMBER’S CHECKS	65.36
PAT DAWSON – Board of Director Meeting	528.00
ENVELOPES for FALL FAMILY NOTES	144.90
WEBSITE HOSTING FEE	107.88
ROWAYTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Harold B. Memorial)	100.00
LAND O’LAKES – Dishonesty Bond Renewal	205.00
INDIANA INSURANCE COMPANY – 2012 Premium	646.00
IRS 990-N File Fee	90.00
LULU PRESS REIMBURSEMENT TO JAN	106.95
MISSOURI CORPORATE RENEWAL	25.00

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance in Savings Account 01/01/2012		3,931.55
Income		1,442.89
Member Contributions transferred from checking		1,436.00
Interest		6.89
Expense		
Scholarship – Emily King		1,000.00
Balance in Savings Account 12/31/12		4,374.44

### CASH HISTORY – DISTRIBUTIONS SUMMARY COMPARISON

January 1 – December 31, 2009 and 2010 and 2011 and 2012

	2010		2011		2012	
	<u>Count</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Annual Dues	388	7,220.00	348	6,640.71	355	6,853.50
THFHS Foundation	12	846.00	14	702.50	32	1,941.00
Hubbell Center	34	4,508.00	36	1,902.50	33	1,866.00
Merchandise Sales	13	1,240.00	12	852.50	21	1,115.50
Operational Fund	27	1,807.50	24	1,092.50	-----	
Scholarship Fund	52	<u>3,181.00</u>	47	<u>1,807.50</u>	37	<u>1,436.00</u>
Report Totals		18,802.50		12,998.21		13,212.00

## THFHS Winter Board Update

Dear Board Members and Others,

Good things are happening in our Society as we roll into 2013. The first week in December 2012, your President was in Des Moines for the Annual Hubbell Center (HC) Board of Directors meeting. It is inspiring to see what Pat Dawson and Hannah Herzog are doing there, and with a new museum software program Pat

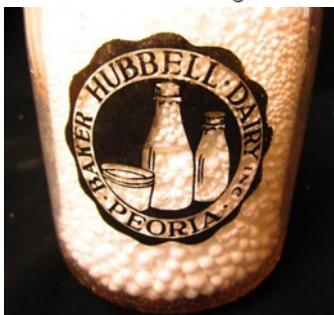
is beginning to archive Hubbell memorabilia which continues to roll in. New officers of Hubbell Center are: President James Hubbell III, Vice President Harvey Hubbell V, Treasurer Michael Hubbell, and Secretary is myself; Hannah Herzog is our Social Media Director. You should all be receiving a periodic email from Hannah which she currently is sending to several hundred members. If you are not, then please contact her at the Hubbell Center at: [hubbellcenter@gmail.com](mailto:hubbellcenter@gmail.com). An important action item was the Board's decision to market the Genealogical DVD which outlines all the work Harold B. Hubbell did years ago in tying together the generations of Hubbells descending from Richard; you should all be in the DVD. The Board dropped the price to \$12 for the first and \$8 for each additional (kids & grandkids). This should help raise funds to support HC. Look for the colored flyer included with your membership renewal form Donald will be mailing soon.

Looking forward to our upcoming reunion, Sunday June 23-Friday June 28, 2013 in Des Moines, I spent a day there before and after the HC meeting, negotiating with Visitors' Center staff and various vendors who will be providing services for us. There will be more details in the 2012 Annual Editor Rick is mailing soon – look for the President's page. Those of you flying in will not need a car as the current plan is for a bus to be moving attendees from place to place around Des Moines every couple of hours. A lot of activities are planned in between family meetings.

While in Des Moines I also had dinner with Lisa Cooper, granddaughter of Jean (& John) Hubbell, who is living there and has offered to help with our reunion.

Renewing membership for 2013, keep in mind your financial support for Hubbell Center, the Hubbell Family Foundation, and the Scholarship program; especially Hubbell Center due to the archiving work going on, which takes time as more and more memorabilia is being donated and preparations are being made for showing it to you and our members in June. Your President is offering a special incentive --- look for this with your dues statement later this month.

Enjoy winter while it is here, and hug a cousin. I hope to see all of you and your offspring in June. Dr. Pete



Baker Hubbell Dairy, Peoria, Illinois

Minutes  
HUBBELL CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Dec. 4, 2012 3pm-5pm

Meeting called to order by President, James W. Hubbell III. Present were Board Members Harvey Hubbell V, Peter O. Hansen, Michael Hubbell, and on the telephone conference call Hilbert Hubbell. Also present was our librarian and curator Pat Dawson, and social media director, Hannah Herzog.

Minutes of previous meeting 12/6/2011 were reviewed and approved. Directors for the following year were elected and this consisted of all of the previous years directors. See attachment with names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers.

Election of Officers was carried out as follows: President, James W. Hubbell III; Vice-President, Harvey Hubbell V; Secretary, Peter O. Hansen; and Treasurer, Michael Hubbell.

**BUSINESS WITH ACTION ITEMS:** A bequest was recently received from the attorney of Jack Jerome Hubbell stating upon Jack's demise he was willing to Hubbell Center \$100,000. The Board today composed a Certificate of Appreciation to him which will be mailed his way by Pat this week. A unanimous decision was made by the Board to request The Hubbell Family Historical Society to market the genealogical DVD we have produced with THFHS's Membership Renewal forms sent out in late January 2013, to members at about \$12 for the first DVD and \$8 for additional DVDs.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

A copy of these minutes is to be submitted to Richard Hubble for publication in THFHS Annual next month. Pat reported she has been making good use of Past Perfect software for Museum Collections in archiving artifacts. Hannah discussed the monthly e-mails she was sending to about 250 members. Meeting adjourned at 5 pm with peace and harmony prevailing.

Signed

Peter O. Hansen  
Secretary

James W. Hubbell III  
President



# THFHS MEMBERSHIP

Membership roster reflects current paid memberships. Identifying numbers are from the 1995 Additions & Revisions. Those shown in parentheses denote a descent from a Hubbell daughter. An asterisk denotes a Member not yet identified with a known branch of the family, and † indicates a member deceased during the year. Those members with no number are encouraged to contact the Genealogy Chair Hilbert Hubble with their family data.

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 Mrs. James W. Hubbell, Jr. 11172  
 Jean Norford Hubbell (Mrs. John Hubbell) 8668  
 Dr./Mrs. William Joseph Hubbell 14453  
 Mr. & Mrs. Edwin A. Hubble 9751  
 Mark A. Hubble, Ph.D. 11246  
 Richard Wood Hubble 12731  
 M/M Robert D. Hubble 10262  
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 M/M John and Debbie Hubbell Van Atta 14584  
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 John & Heather Ann-Anne Hubbell 14803  
 John Alexander Hubbell 11159  
 Morey Clyde Hubbell 11502  
 Mrs. Theodore (Rita) Hubbell 9177  
 Patricia S. Hubbell 6889  
 R.N. Hubbell & R.L. Dale 11054  
 M/M Shelton Eric Hubbell 11204  
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 Wilson Glenn Hubbell II 14416  
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 Myrna Hubbell Kepford 12146  
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lugovich 11021  
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 Roger Sterling Reid, Jr. (1430)  
 Dr. & Mrs. Fredric Scheff 12188  
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 Marie L. Barry 3559  
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Theresa Smith Blair	(1805)	Paul Griffith Garland	(1073)
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Carol Hubbell Boggs	11690	(& Fred)	(10708)
Christopher Martin Boggs	(11690)	Julie Ray Giles	(3553)
Margo Case Born	(5928)	Edna Hubble Gill	11379
Joan Hubbel Bowden	13027	John T. Goering	(8619a)
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	(5884)	James & Mary Griffin	(5928)
Patricia Ann Burns	(174)	Elizabeth Nash Griffith	(9939)
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Marjorie L. Butler	(6167)	Martha Hubble Hall	12729
Teri Helen Hansen Bybee	(6506)	Patricia Hubble Hanks	13610
M/M Asa C. Cadwallader	(879)	Judy Hubble Hannah	10278
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Burt & Edith Carney	(6505)	Margaret (Peggy) Haring	(7991)
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Betty J. Miller Chapman	(3933)	M/M Richard J. Harris	(1533)
Helen Hubbell Chase	6138	Jane Sanford Harrison	(1330)
John & Priscilla Chatfield	642	Elberta Updike "Bertie" Herman	(856)
Mary M. Chee	a505j	Sue Hubbell Hershey	12794
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M/M Charles G. Clark	(5818)	Hannah Herzog	[7339]
Wendy Weaver Clark	(8638)	Lisa J. Hogan	(8624)
Edward Nichols Coffey	(5873)	Catherine James Hoover	(4416)
M. Margaret Hubbell Coon	9423	Jack & Dianne Hubbel	(13029)
Anne Hubbell Cooper	11203	Ann Clayborne Hubbell	13868
Norma Crawford	(471)	Austin Alan Hubbell	13497c
Susan B. Hubbell Crihfield	11638	Barbara U. Hubbell	6863
E. C. Curtis	*	Beth M. Hubbell	12102
Donna (Saladino) Curtiss	(902)	Beverly L. Hubbell	12276
Elizabeth H. Dakin	(1600)	M/M Billie F. Hubbell	12356
Barbara & Bob Dawes	(8366)	M/M Clifford R. Hubbell III	12632
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Frederick L. Downs	(5288)	David G. Hubbell	12896
Dorothy Dreher	(7980)	David Berresford Hubbell	14254
Robin Duffy and Family	(1805)	David D. Hubbell	12376
Walter Eddy	8	David Smith Hubbell	7834
Martha P. Evanoff & Anne Hubbell		Declan Hubbell	12920
Evanoff-Auchter	(9938)	Donald George Hubbell/Vivian Bowman	
Jacqueline Churchill Evans	(2734)	Hubbell	14488
M. Joanne Hubbell Evans	9405	Donald & Madalene Hubbell	8625
John & Pat Evans	(1779)	Donald Sydney Hubbell, III	11639
James A. Fair	*	Donald Sydney Hubbell, Jr.	9064

Douglas Stuart Hubbell	10056	Ronald & Karen Hubbell	11730
E. J. (Jon) & Sharon Hubbell	10069	Scott Christopher Hubbell	9512
Eric D. Hubbell	14604	Stephen Drew McIntosh Hubbell	14205
Francis "Frank" S. Hubbell	9183	Susan P. Hubbell-Whyte	(9941)
Fredrick N. Hubbell	9456	M/M Thomas Lee Hubbell	14450
M/M Geoffrey R. Hubbell	10996	Troy "Bill" W. Hubbell	11483
George P. & Victoria Hubbell	9203	Wallis E. Hubbell	9990
George T. Hubbell Jr.	8653	William L. & Sheila Hubbell	13702
Gerry Hubbell	11207	Mr. & Mrs. William D. Hubbell	11853
Heidi & Holly Hubbell	11362	M/M Bertram Hubble	10426
M/M Harold G. Hubbell	10877b	Dr. Bill R. Hubble	14032
M/M Harold G. Hubbell	12933	Craig & Lois Cole Hubble	7838
Jack Gary Hubbell	12296	Daryl E. & Natividad B. Hubble	10427
M/M Jack H. Hubbell	12124	David & Elizabeth Hubble	7622
James M. Hubbell	11640	David William Hubble	13611
Jeffrey D. Hubbell	14603	Dennis Lloyd Hubble	12050a
Jim & Mary Ann Hubbell	11206	Donald C. Hubble	10783
John A. E. Hubbell, DVM	13282	Edward Stephen Hubble	14513d
John & Shirley Hubbell	11936	M/M Elmo G. Hubble	13606
John C. Hubbell	11706	Frederick Arthur Hubble	13087a
John Donald Hubbell	11007	Gerald Blaine Hubble	7774
Joseph G. Hubbell	10145	Ltc USA (RTD) James & Mrs. James E. Hubble	a426n
Katherine A. Hubbell	10441	M/M John Philip Hubble	11411
Katherine Jean Hubbell Domning	12900	M/M Lawrence G. Hubble, Jr.	a418u
Keith E. & Lois J. Hubbell	12035	Nicholas Hubble & Shiyama Mudali	12191
Ken Hubbell	14440	Patrick F. Hubble	13635
Kent Everett Hubbell	10071	M/M Paul N. Hubble, Jr	10277
Laura M. Hubbell	9165	Paula Hubble	12189
Lawrence Baynard Hubbell	10442	Richard Craig & Karen Conway Hubble	10445
Larry Hubbell	11620	M/M Richard Lee Hubble	10539
Lawrence L. Hubbell	6659	Shara Simmons Hubble	13629
Leland H. Hubbell	13271	Steven Eugene Hubble	12752
Lester G. Hubbell	10519	The Nehemiah Hubble Family Heritage Assn.	
Linda J. Hubbell	9217	William Henry & Betty Crabtree Hubble	10266
Marjory Hubbell	8669	John F. Hughes	(6791)
Mark Edward Hubbell	14038	Sue Ingham	(11171)
Michelle Hubbell Mc Nerney	11155	Ginger E. James	(7210)
Nicholas D. Hubbell	13314b	Nora John	*
Paul & Linda Hubbell	11452	Edith I. Johnson	*
Paul G. Hubbell	13218	Max D. Johnson, Jr.	(3018)
Ralph D. Hubbell	9225	Matthew & Annette Kellerman	12190
M/M Ralph G. Hubbell II	12021	Kathy M. Kernoul	(8040)
Ralph James Hubbell	11448	Mary Hubbell Kimmel	8667
Rich & Colleen Hubbell	11208	Christopher D. King	[4266]
Mr./Mrs. Richard B. Hubbell	11090	Emily B. King	(4266)
Richard D. Hubbell	13315a	William Maxwell King	(4266)
SFC (R) & Mrs. Richard Dean Hubbell	10996	Gladys M. Knapp	(2245)
Richard J. Hubbell	12373		
Robert H. Hubbell	9310		
Roger & Sally Hubbell	13278		
Roma G. Hubbell, II	6120		

Elin Hubble Kosman	9339	James P. & Holly Hubble Roman	13631
Barbara Currier Kruse	(5327)	Ann Rowe	(1456)
Nicholas Paul Clark Kubley	(1980a)	Max & Joan Hubbell Rumpel	12522
Frederick J. Kull	(5820)	Mary Elizabeth Ryder	9415
Kevin B. Large	(5655)	Bethany Schmidt	(5827)
Timmy R. Larkin	*	Linda Hubbell Schofield	9169
Caroline M. Lasky	(2358)	Cindy Schwerin	(8492)
Colby & Hollie Lassley	(10913a)	Craig Alan Sharp	(3553)
Justus Hubble	*	Bonnie Hubbell Simms	12147
Dorothy Leech	(5475)	Mrs. Robert Skeele (Dorothy)	(314)
Tina Lee Hubbell-Lewis	a288y	Debra Hubbell Smith	14487
Thomas B. Light	*	Francis A. Stevens	(3083)
Glenn A. Long	(7974a)	Carol Hubbell Sullivan	12556
Shirley M. Hubbell Mack	8624	M/M Douglas R. Surber	(467)
Dorothy Hubbell Madden	12516b	Keith & Sherri Swartz	(9452)
Simone Hubble Manis	10274	Diana Thornton	(8499)
Ronald E. Marlow	*	Terry W. & Tina L. Thorsen	(7181)
Charlotte P. Hubbell Marshall	(7178)	Claudia Throop	(9633)
Rebecca J. Martin	(1980a)	N. Cathlene Hubbell Truesdail	12938
Wanda Lee McConnell	(6065)	John & Eleanor VanHorn	(1250)
Anna Hubbell McIntyre	(2117)	Linda Daniels-Vasquez	(6471)
Florence C. Mellin	*	Carol Jane Walker	(1966)
D. Jean Miller	(2629)	Michael A. Walker	(1966)
Mark L. Miller	(2629)	Jacqueline K. Wardrobe	(9538)
Michael J. Miller	(2629)	Alick Douglas Watson	(4266)
William Hubble Miller	(10332)	Anne Thorne Weaver	(8638)
Jeanette M. Mitchell (mother Edwina Hubel)	(10913a)	Laura Anne Weaver	(8638)
Nancy L. Moshier	(8396)	Philip Thorne Weaver	(8638)
Mrs. Louise B. Nichols	(13)	Arlene F. Wells	*
M/M Lloyd B. Nickel	(8973)	J. Paul & Catherine Welsman	11922
Ann Hubbell Nielsen	10553	Karen (Hubbell) Wertanen	[11355]
Binget Hansen Nilsson	(9158)	Joan E. Lucas Wiglesworth	(3639)
Lynn-El Hubbell Nos	11860	Joyce A. Wilde	(a271d)
Hubbell House		Cynthia Wilmers	(5827)
Lorelei Kulbartz Perkins	(11276)	Mary Hubbell Winks	9555
Jean E. Hubbell Peterson	(9452)	Mary Jean Hubbell Word	9000
Eleanor E. Wagner Phillips	(1100)	Bree K. Yednock	13629
Charles W. Potter	(384)	Ross Hubble Yednock	13629
Eric Rammelkamp	(7810)	Stephanie Young-Birkle	(3038a)
Theda R. (Sharp) Richards	(3553)	Nora L. Reynolds Zimmer	(946b)
Judith A. Rolfe	(2020)		
		<b>FRIEND</b>	
		Patricia Dawson	Friend
		Preserve New Fairfield, Inc.	Friend



# Obituaries

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## Harold Berresford Hubbell Jr. (A&R# 12515)



**Harold Berresford Hubbell Jr. (#12515): co-founder of the Hubbell Family Historical Society (photo courtesy of the Hubbell Center)**

Harold died 20 September 2012 at the age 88. He was born 10 April 1924 at New Rochelle, New York and received a Bachelor's degree from Franklin & Marshall College and a Master's degree from Columbia University. He served in the US Navy during World War II and the Korean War. Harold worked in marketing operations during the 1950's and then in international corporate and banking services until he retired in 1990. In 1955 he married Frances Elizabeth McIntosh daughter of James R. & Frances H. (Miller) and had three sons: (#14254) David Berresford; his twin brother Scott McIntosh who was born and died in 1956 and (#14255) Stephen Drew McIntosh. He was divorced and married 28 December 1974 Mrs. Francine (Adie) Bradford daughter of Norman & Florence (Batterson).

Harold's passion for his own family history and for that of all who shared his name led to the publication of two definitive genealogies and the founding of the Hubbell Family Historical Society that is still active and thriving today. His interest began when he was a child with a copy of Walter Hubbell's book "History of the Hubbell Family" on the family bookshelf. He started by making after work phone calls to Hubbells listed in the phone books of the places where he travelled. These contacts led to a meeting with Dr. Donald Sidney Hubbell (#6377), a family member of a like mind and interest. They met in 1976 to talk about a joint venture. This relationship led to the publication of the 1980 *History and Genealogy of the Hubbell Family* and a 1981 meeting at Hubbell House in Mantorville, Minnesota to meet with family members who had contributed to the 1980 book. Donald was the inspiration for a family society and he attended their first meeting of the Hubbell Family Historical Society in Fairfield, Connecticut in 1983. Donald led the effort that resulted in *Hubbell Pioneers* (1989) while Harold, Roscoe Leroy Hubble (#11405) and the Genealogy Committee accumulated much new family information that resulted in the 1995 *Additions and Revisions to the History & Genealogy of the Hubbell Family*. Harold then turned his efforts along with Harvey Hubbell IV (#8490) and James Windsor Hubbell Jr. (#11172) to establish

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the Hubbell Center, a unique library and museum for the Hubbell family in Des Moines, Iowa.

During his career he had the opportunity to spend time in England to research the local records of Richard Hubball, the immigrant ancestor. Harold felt it was so important for living Hubbells to see and appreciate their ancestors' historical records and to visit the places significant to their ancestry that he organized two trips to England for the family. His long-time contacts there helped strengthen the bond between the Rock community and North American Hubbell descendants. He was instrumental in THFHS' contribution of funds to aid in the restoration of the Rock church and a commemorative plaque there in the churchyard marks the continuing relationship between North American Hubbells and the church.

Harold's efforts to promote and inspire interest in the family's history led to the development of a structure that evolved into a viable organization. The Hubbell Family Historical Society celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2006 and continues to document the lives past and present of the Hubbell, Hubble, Hubbel, Hubel and Huble families in North America.

Written by Hilbert Hubble



## HAROLD B. HUBBELL

1924-2012

*Reflections by Donald C. Hubbell*

The passing of Harold has brought back many fond memories-- sometimes not so fond. From working with him over some twenty years, I found him to be one of the most contentious, irascible, opinionated, and unique characters I have ever met. Madalene and I first met Harold at the 1985 Hubbell Family Biennial meeting in Des Moines, IA, and our recollection of him at that time was he was a true Connecticut Yankee with strong opinions and positions on a variety of subjects.

The 1981 Hubbell Family Historical Society organizational meeting at the Hubbell House restaurant in Mantorville, MN, was initiated and promoted by Harold and Donald S. Hubbell of Mountain Home, Arkansas. Harold and Donald S. Hubbell were major contributors and supporters in the development of the 1980 book, *The History and Genealogy of the Hubbell Family*.

Harold's main goal was the future growth of The Hubbell Family Historical Society, and was it not for his perseverance; future generations of Hubbells/Hubbles might not have been aware their heritage. He was instrumental in promoting a trip of Society members to Worcestershire, England in 1988 and again in 1994 to visit the ancestral home of the Hubball family. In his desire to see the Society grow and be sustained for the future, Harold believed in the establishment of a repository for Hubbell family artifacts for future generations to appreciate in a single location. In May 1993, he enlisted Clifton H. Hubbell, Jack J. Hubbell and me to support him in meeting with James W. Hubbell

II and his son James W. Hubbell III to develop and promote the Hubbell Center. This meeting resulted in office space being graciously provided by Hubbell Realty Co. in the Hubbell building on Walnut Street for \$1.00 per year for ten years. Hubbell Center was later relocated with expanded space to a new Hubbell office building in July 2002. The 2013 THFHS biennial meeting in Des Moines will be a testament to Harold's vision for a Hubbell Center.

What is not known by many acquainted with Harold was his ability to be very charming and gracious when discussing his intimate knowledge of the Hubbell family genealogy. I, for one, will miss him.



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## Mable Ruth Hubbell (12787a)

Mable Ruth Hubbell of Muskegon, Michigan passed away 27 August 2012. The daughter of Treat C. Davis & Viola Mable (Wilder) she married Raymond Hubbell 19 February 1949 after his tour in the Marine Corps and later as a machinist for Continental Motors. After raising five boys, Ray and Mable turned their interests to genealogy and supported the Hubbell Family Historical Society genealogy committee efforts by researching the Michigan Hubbell/Hubble etc. families. They travelled to nearly every Michigan County; reviewed vital records, produced a large volume of census returns and developed index cards for each family. The work was forwarded to Harold Hubbell for inclusion in the 1995 *Additions and Revisions to the History and Genealogy of the Hubbell Family*. After publication, they continued to support the society with additional research, always willing to go the extra mile to support family research. Their attendance at reunions was always a highlight and I will miss their smiles and friendship.

Surviving are: four sons, Thomas L (Nancy) Hubbell of Lapeer, MI; Robert S Hubbell of Holt, MI; William (Mary Ann) J Hubbell of Virginia Beach, VA; Michael R (Terri) Hubbell of Grand Haven, MI; daughter-in-law, Aretta Hubbell of North Muskegon; 12 Grandchildren and 15 Great Grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond in 2007; son, Andrew and brother, Walter Davis.

Written by Hilbert Hubble



**Mable Ruth Hubbell : 1921-2012**

## Mable Ruth Hubbell: A Eulogy

Daughter. Sister. Girlfriend. Fiancée. Wife. Mother. Aunt. Grandmother. Great-Grandmother.

We know that Mable Hubbell was all of these.

Scholar. Provider. Patriot. Researcher.

Did you know that Mable Hubbell was also all of these?

The lady we knew as Mable Ruth Hubbell had a long and rich life, and she played many roles.

She lived in some of the most interesting times in our history. I am going to put those times in context with my Mother's life, so that we might better understand how truly special she was.

Her father, Treat Davis, married late in life, and he was already 45 years old when Mable was born in the year 1921. Her family was a good one, but they were poor, and her early years were certainly not glamorous. In 1929, when Mable was but eight years old, the country slid into the Great Depression. It must have become a very hard life. Many people no doubt gave up in despair, but Mable stayed in school, studied hard, and finally, as the Great Depression was winding down a decade later, she became one of the first members of her family to graduate from High School, taking the difficult College Prep courses, no less.

Perhaps she had hoped to go on to college, but times were still tough and war was looming, so Mable took a job in a local factory, the Amazon Corporation, making textiles. The income allowed her to help support her family and finally have some nice things of her own. Mable became a provider.

The events in Europe and Japan escalated, and then on that fateful day, December 7th, 1941, her life and every life in this country was irrevocably changed by the attack on Pearl Harbor. Whatever hopes or dreams she may have had, Mable, only 20 years old, set them aside and joined in the war effort as a factory worker at Continental Motors, where she and all the other "Rosie the Riveters" built the weapons of war the young men needed. Mable was a patriot. Mable was 24 when the war finally ended in 1945. This was still an age where young women were expected to marry and raise a family, but Mable found it hard to find men her own age to date. Many of the young boys she knew in school never returned home from the war. Mable stayed in the factory, continuing to support her parents, her father now nearing 70 years of age. Again she put any personal hopes or dreams aside. Mable took care of her family. In 1948 Mable met a young man by the name of Raymond Hubbell. He was five years her junior and so she did not initially take his interest in her seriously, but Ray was smitten by her and was not to be deterred. She finally acquiesced and they were married on February 28, 1949.

After that came the kids, the travel, the grand-kids, etc. the usual stuff of life, the stuff we usually talk about at times like these. All of that is very important (for without that most of us would not be here), but we all know about that stuff, so I am going to skip over that to talk about something truly remarkable.

After Mable had finished raising her children, after working more than 40 years, most of that at Continental Motors, Mable retired. At a time when most people would slow down, sit back, and take it easy, Mable did something else. She became interested in Genealogy and turned that interest into a passion. She, with Ray, became ardent researchers and made major contributions in forwarding research into not only the Hubbell Family line, but other branch lines as well. This interest, combining nicely with her love of travel, gave her a second career, and took her many places she enjoyed. As a result of this, she leaves this world not only the legacy of her descendants, but also the legacy of her ancestors. Mable may have never been able to go to college, but the quality of the work she did in her genealogy research rivals that of any college level course. Mable, my Mother, you were, indeed, a scholar!

This, then, is how I wish to remember her. A young woman, growing up in difficult times, overcoming adversity, putting aside her own needs while caring for others, finally, late in life, achieving her dreams.

Mable Ruth Davis Hubbell. Our Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Aunt, Friend. We Will Miss You! We thank you for your devotions to family, your service to country, your perseverance through adversity, and the legacy of knowledge you leave us.

Goodbye Mom.

Bill Hubbell (William J. Hubbell, MD (#14453))



## To The Hubbell Family Historical Society,

Due to the recent passing of my grandmother, Mable Ruth Hubbell, I was asked to update THFHS about my progress after having received a scholarship.

Several years ago I was the recipient of the very generous Hubbell Family Historical Society scholarship. Thanks in part to that gracious gift, I was able to complete my undergraduate education, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Virginia Tech in 2003. I used that degree as a springboard for medical school. In 2009 I earned my MD from Eastern Virginia Medical School. After completing a three-year residency in Emergency Medicine, I have moved out to practice as a full time physician in Tacoma Washington.

My grandmother helped the Hubbell name in many



**Raymond and Mable Hubbell-50th Wedding Anniversary**

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ways. She did a fine job raising five boys, who in turn went on to give her twelve grandchildren. She was very salt-of-the-earth. When something needed to get done, my grandmother did it. There wasn't a lot of talk or fanfare, she just made things happen.

My grandmother had a significant decline in her health in her last few years, but she was still well cared for by her family, and I think that speaks volumes. In my training as a physician, I saw many people who didn't have the luxury (and yes it IS a luxury), to have the support of their family as they aged. My grandmother was frequently visited by relatives from both blood and marriage.

The Hubbell name is stronger thanks to my grandmother. She will be missed by many, including me.

Geoff A. Hubbell, MD (#15000)



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## Clifton Howells Hubbell (A&R# 7339)

Clifton Howells Hubbell of Downers Grove, Illinois, two term President of The Hubbell Family Historical Society, engineer, veteran, father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away October 2012. Clifton was born 28 February 1920 in Bedford, Ohio the son of A&R# 4675 Harrison Turner Hubbell and Jean Howells Hubbell. During World War II he served in the United States Naval Reserve as a shipyard inspector and in 1945 he married Esther Clara Wetzel. Their three children are Nancy Schubert Bunnett, Elaine Lamson Herzog and Douglas Stuart Hubbell.



Clifton H. Hubbell (A&R# 7339)

Clifton was a founding member of the society and participated in the publishing of the 1985 reprint of the 1980 *History and Genealogy of the Hubbell Family* and wrote Chapter 10: Virginia for the 1989 *Hubbell Pioneers*. While president of the society, he finalized plans for the Scholarship Committee and led the team to Des Moines, Iowa for the establishment of Hubbell Center. He was keenly interested in genealogy and oversaw the preparations for the next volume of the published Hubbell family genealogy. As a result of this involvement Clifton was inducted into the Hall of Fame in June 2007. The extent of his activities included being cited for the unveiling of the Edwin P. Hubble exhibit at the DuPage County Heritage Gallery; his participation in the Hubble Hill cemetery dedication, Sterling, Ontario and the

listing of Richard Hubbell on the Ellis Island Wall of Honor. He guided the design and development of the Hubbell Seal and during his term membership reached 500.

Clifton served continuously as a society director and committee member and he was always accessible to anyone for consultation about THFHS history or practice. His institutional memory was extensive and accurate. His leadership, enthusiasm and dedication to the society will be sorely missed. His active participation and the pleasant demeanor of Clifton and Esther were always an essential part of the family reunions. His commitment to the Hubbell Family is now being extended through the work of granddaughter Hannah Herzog as assistant to Patricia Dawson, Hubbell Center archivist and librarian.

Details regarding his life can be found on p. 544 of the *Additions and Revisions to the History and Genealogy of the Hubbell Family* and on p.319 of the *Military History of the Hubbell Family in North America*.

Written by Hilbert Hubble



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## REMEMBERING BETTY JO CHAPMAN

By Jean Hubbell

On May 10, 2012, The Hubbell Society lost a very dedicated member in Betty Jo Chapman. She was a very private person but faithful in her service to The Society. Born Betty J. Miller Jan. 2, 1932 in Knox City, Mo., she was one of nine children, all of whom predeceased her. She had five sons, sixteen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren plus numerous other relatives.

Before retiring, she worked thirty years with the U. S. Postal Service and was an active DAR member. Hilbert Hubble recalled that Betty Jo attended a DAR ceremony on behalf of The Society at the grave site of Ithamer Hubble in Missouri. Betty Jo and I served on The Society Board at the same time, she as Corresponding Secretary and I as Recording Secretary. During a time when I was unable to do my job of sending cards and notes of sympathy and notes for other purposes, Betty Jo stepped up and took over that responsibility for The Caring Society until I was able to resume.

Perhaps one of the best tributes to Betty Jo came from Mary Ann Hubbell, Membership Chair, who said she never



Betty Jo Chapman [A&R# (3933)]

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met Betty Jo personally but she was "a member who one could say symbolized the growth of THFHS. Asked to help the membership committee at a time when it was evolving into computers was a challenge for all. Not only did Betty Jo not have a computer, she also didn't have access to a copy store - the nearest one was over 50 miles away. Still, Betty Jo was determined to step into her new volunteer position with The Society. She bought a computer, got an email address and slowly learned how to use them both. Although she relied on others to do the printing of Society Stationary, she was always ready to prepare the mass mailings that are done a couple of times throughout the year. I think I disappointed Betty Jo because I didn't use her as much as she would have liked to be used but she was a great help."

Most of the current Board members didn't know Betty Jo but we can all remember the great example she set for us. Job well done, Betty Jo. Betty Jo was a Society member continuously from 1982 to 2011.



From: Madelyn Robin  
 Subject: Passing of Member

My great aunt Madeleine Marie Coquet Willis (b. Sept 7, 1911) of Oklahoma City, OK, passed away in OKC on March 9, 2012-over 100 years of age. She was a member of your family association, as her grandmother was Charlotte Marie Hubbell, listed in the Hubbell Family book.

Her son Will Hugh Willis, Jr. asked that I contact your society.

Thank you,  
 Madelyn Robin



## 2012 NECROLOGY



In addition to Society Members or family of Members, the following deaths are listed here to allow updating of the genealogy volume

12911b Alan D Hubbell	12 Jan	10457 Blanche Hubble	18 Nov
6334 Ardele J Hubbell	31 May	12738ar Brenda S Hubble	12 Oct
14546m Arthur Ruport Hubbell III	6 Aug	8980 Carol Patterson Hubbell	29 April
10210t Barbara Ann Hodges Hubble	5 Jan	8609 Catherine Amanda Hubbell	23 April
14358a Benjamin C Hubble	18 Sept	12185 Cheryl G. Hubble	29 Oct
9007 Bernice A Hubbell	27 May	a514b Cheryl Sue Hubble	9 June
6780 Betty Jane Hubbell	23 June	11354 Christine D Hubbell	29 Nov

14053	Daniel Joseph Hubbell	31 July	7691	Leroy Edgar Hubble	23 Oct
12253	Darlene K Hubbell	29 Nov	11056	Lester Glenn Hubbell	8 Feb
14533	David Arnold Hubble	15 July	14415f	Lisa A Hubble	13 June
7672	David H Hubble	12 Jan	11724	Lloyd Harold Hubbell	29 Sept
10932i	Dennis O Hubbell	30 Jan	7955	Lois Barnes Hubbell	25 Oct
11442	Dorothy Anderson Hubbell	4 Feb	a428g	Lois Elnora Hubble	14 April
10264a	Douglas E Hubble	17 May	12787a	Mable R Hubble	27 Aug
11113	Earnest Fay Hubbell	8 Jan	10290a	Marilyn R Hubble	3 Feb
9825	Emanuel G Hubbell	11 April	9804	Mary I Hubbell	18 April
12643p	Ethel Cregar Hubbell	31 Dec	9870	Mary Ruth Gonzales Hamby Hubbell	10 May
10251	Evelyn Hubble	8 March	12643v	Mary Virginia Hubble	29 July
9669	Everett William Hubbell	6 Jan	12004	Maxi June Hubbell	5 March
13812	Frank A Hubbell	29 Dec	11996	Melvin Welton Hubbell	9 Nov
13999	Gary Lee Hubbell	18 April	8515	Merrilyn A Hubbell	8 Jan
8982	George L Hubbell	2 Dec	10963	Milton Hubble	9 Jan
9153	Glenford H Hubbell	27 Nov	13577	Ned A Hubbell	5 March
11300	Gwynn H Hubbell	24 Oct	9333e	Norma Mary Hubble	18 Jan
11086	Harold J Hubbell	3 March	9333g	Olga Mayeux Hubble	15 Nov
12515	Harold B Hubbell	20 Sept	13635	Patrick F Hubble	7 Nov
10218	Harry L Hubble	10 Jan	12118	Patsy Hubble	9 April
10398	Hershel W Hubble	11 Sept	7623	Peggy S Hubble	31 May
9333k	Irene Hubble	18 Jan	9552	Phyllis M Hubbell	6 Nov
14165b	J Christopher Hubbell	31 May	10960	Raymond Frank Hubbell	11 Sept
12712d	James A Hubbell	30 Jan	11487	Richard E Hubbell	28 May
14051e	James G Hubbell	29 May	8652	Richard W Hubbell	11 Aug
11860ai	James Leo Hubble	17 Dec	10237	Robert S Hubble	10 Jan
12211	James Leroy Hubble	25 Jan	10307	Roger Orbin Hubbell	6 Aug
10496	Joan P Hubbell	26 May	13804	Roman Dana Hubbell	15 March
12032	John C Hubbell	19 Aug	9333cm	Ruby O Hubble	20 April
14165b	John Christopher Hubbell	31 May	7861	Russell Howard Hubble	4 Aug
10535	John Edgar Hubbell	13 June	11008	Ruth Jean Hubbell	9 Sept
9031b	John L Hubbell	7 Sept	10182	Thelma O Hubbell	17 Sept
8977	John P Hubbell	6 Jan	11251	Tiffany Hubble	2 Jan
12643z	Josie Hubble	11 Sept	10981c	Toby Hubble	15 April
12030	Judith Ann Hubbell	28 Jan	12145a	Velma Mae Hubbell	3 Sept
12788	Judith Arlene Hubbell	9 Dec	10981	Walter Bates Hubbell	13 April
12746d	Kenneth James Hubble	10 March	9812	Wanda Louise Hubbell	16 Feb
12560	Kordula Hubbell	9 Nov	11323e	Wanda P Hubbell	2 Aug
11313a	Larry Lee Hubbell	1 Nov	11860ck	Willard D Hubble	12 July
3971b	Leland Stanford Hubbell	24 Oct	11860c	Yuba Hubble	30 June
11860ai	Leo Hubble	17 Dec			





*Hubbell Family Crest*

Obtained by Henry W. Hubbell of New York City in London, 1831.

The Hubbell Family Historical Society is a not-for-profit organization which invites membership from descendants of Richard Hubball of England and New Haven Colony, Connecticut, from all persons interested in genealogy and family history, and from organizations supporting such activities.

Our mission is to research the genealogy, preserve the history, recognize the achievements, and promote fellowship for the descendants of Richard Hubball, the immigrant.



*Richard Hubball's Mark*

From his last will and testament, April 5, 1699.