

Alrick Hubbell (mayor, 1856, 1857)

A Whig defeated Democrat John Hinman 1,488 to 1,327, to become the 18th person to serve as mayor since Utica became a city in 1832. His name was Alrick Hubbell and the year was 1856.

It may have been 24 years later but apparently, a raise was not in order. The city's first mayor, Joseph Kirkland, was paid \$250 a year. In 1856, Alrick, too, would be paid \$250.

Hubbell was born in Utica on Oct. 4, 1802. His father, Matthew, was from Lanesboro, Massachusetts and had fought the British at the Battle of Bennington during the Revolutionary War.

He was one of the area's first settlers, having arrived in the hamlet of Old Fort Schuyler (later renamed Utica) in 1790. He built a house on the east side and later Hubbell Street was named for him. He and his wife had 12 children, including Alrick.

Before being elected mayor, Alrick served as deputy sheriff in Oneida County and then as chief engineer of Utica's first department. In 1841, he was elected to the Common Council.

His first year as mayor was dominated by city finances. The city was still in debt so Hubbell and aldermen decided to raise taxes. Also, the state Legislature authorized the city to borrow money to lower the debt. It also required the city to deposit all city moneys in the bank that paid the highest interest.

Meanwhile, the Cornhill section of the city was growing rapidly so it was decided to build a new firehouse there.

In March 1857, Hubbell was re-elected, defeating Democrat Charles S. Wilson, 1,735 to 1,378.

In his inaugural address, Hubbell complained that city department heads and aldermen were spending too much money and ignoring an 1849 law that prohibited the city from incurring any debt not payable within the year.

One week later, the Common Council raised the salaries of some city employees and said the city no longer would deposit moneys in the bank that gave the highest interest, but, instead, "city deposits will be left entirely to the discretion of the Common Council."

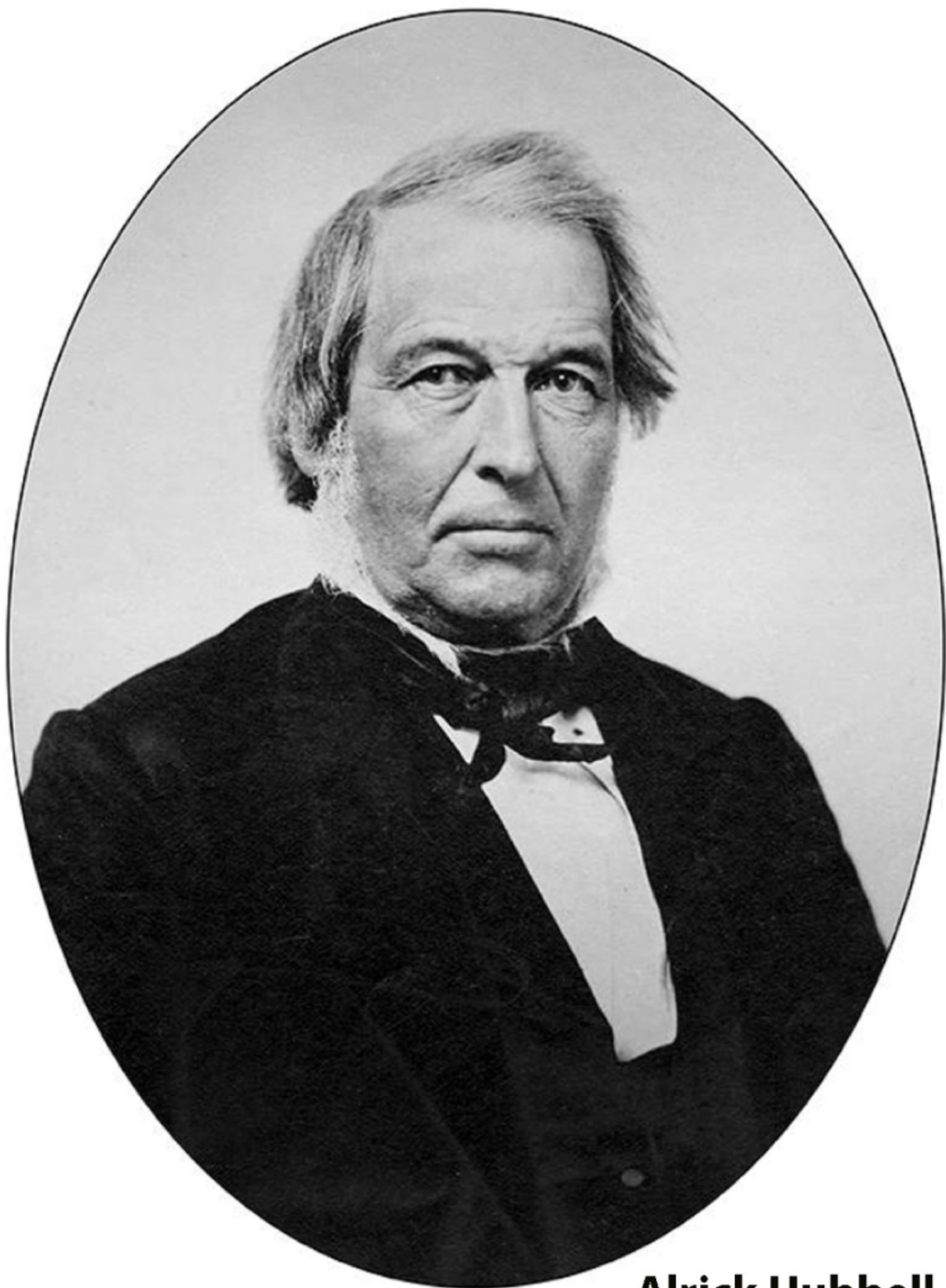
Uticans were furious. They demanded to meet with Hubbell and aldermen. A meeting was held in Mechanics Hall and since violence was expected, Hubbell ordered the hall be guarded by police.

Hubbell presided at the meeting that was attended by many former mayors and aldermen. There was no violence and current aldermen attending promised to begin once again to deposit city moneys with the bank giving the highest interest.

After leaving office, Hubbell, in 1858, was elected to the state Senate. He became a director of the Utica & Black River Railroad and began to invest money in area businesses.

He was a Baptist and attended services in the Broad Street Church. He also taught Bible classes there. And, he became involved in the development of Madison University, which evolved into Colgate University.

He and his wife had two daughters and two sons. He died on Jan. 17, 1877, at age 74.



Alrick Hubbell

Whipple & Hubbell & Wives
to
Edward Sanford } Dear
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Received April 18th 1836 of
1/4 part of Belcher Pell -

Fees 9/-

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paid to the Clerk of St. York

Oneida County
Clerks Office

Recorded this 18th day of April A.D.
1836. at 7^{1/2} past 5 o'clock P.M. in Book
No 74 of Deeds - pages 321 & 322

Ambrose Mason
Deputy Clerk

This Indenture, made the *twenty first* day of *March* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty *six* Between *Otis Whipple of the City of Utica and Emily P. his Wife, and Allick Hubbard of the same place and Laura C. his Wife* of the first part, and *Edward Sanford Esquire of the City of New York*

of the second part,
Witnesseth, That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of *one hundred thousand dollars*

to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, remised, released, aliened, and confirmed: and by these presents, do grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien, and confirm, unto the said party of the second part, in his actual possession now being, and to his heirs and assigns for ever, all that certain

piece or parcel of Land in the City of Utica being a part of the farm commonly known as the "Smith Farm" bounded as follows viz: Beginning at the point of intersection of the West boundary line of Lot Number 91. with Broad Street, running thence S. 61° 40' E. eleven Chains and fifty six links, thence S. 37° 20' W. eleven Chains and fifty seven links, thence N. 59° 10' W. three Chains & twenty five links, thence S. 37° 20' W. nine Chains thirty five links, thence S. 59° 10' E. eight Chains thence S. 37° 20' West to a line drawn at right angles with the last described line, far enough to include one hundred and ten acres of Land, thence N. 52° 10' W. sixteen Chains to the first mentioned West-ly line of Lot No. 91. thence N. 37° 20' E. along said last mentioned line to the place of beginning, Containing one hundred & ten acres of Land. Subject to a Bond & Mortgage to Peter Smith dated 5th March 1836. for fifty thousand dollars payable twelve thousand five hundred dollars on the 22^d day of April next with interest from the 5th Inst. & the residue in fifteen equal annual payments from the 5th instant with interest annually on all sums remaining unpaid from the 5th Inst.

Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim, and demand whatsoever, of the said parties of the first part, either in law or equity, of, in, and to the above bargained premises, with the hereditaments and appurtenances. To have and to hold the said bargained and described premises

to the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, to the sole and only proper use, benefit, and behoof of the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, for ever.

And the said

Otis Whipple and Abick Hubbell parties

of the first part, for ~~themselves their~~ heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant, grant, bargain, promise, and agree, to and with the said party of the second part, ~~his~~ heirs and assigns, the above bargained premises, and every part and parcel thereof, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part, ~~his~~ heirs and assigns, against all and every person or persons, lawfully claiming or to claim the whole or any part of the said premises, will forever **Warrant and Defend.**

In Witness whereof, the said parties of the first part, have hereunto set their hands and seal, the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED, AND DELIVERED,

IN THE PRESENCE OF

Otis Whipple

Emily P. Whipple

A. Hubbell

Laura E. Hubbell

STATE OF NEW YORK,

ONEIDA COUNTY, ss:

On the ~~fourth~~ ^{third} day of *March* in the year 1836, before me came *Otis Whipple* ^{wife of Abick Hubbell} and *Emily P. Whipple* ^{his wife and Laura E. Hubbell} the grantors within named, to me well known to be the persons who executed the said deed, and the said *Otis Whipple* acknowledged the execution of the said deed to be his voluntary act: and the said *Emily P. and Laura E.* being examined by me privately and apart from ~~his~~ said husband, acknowledged also that ~~she~~ they executed the same deed freely, and without any fear or compulsion on ~~the~~ ^{their} part. and I further certify that I know the persons who made the said acknowledgments to be the same individuals described in and who executed said conveyance.

Harvey Barnard
Comm. of Deeds

City and County of New York. On the thirty first day of March One thousand Eight hundred and thirty six Personally appeared before me Abick Hubbell known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the above and under deed who acknowledged that he executed the same.

James Loring Graham
Clerk of Deeds
C. L. G. of N.Y.

CITY.



For Mayor,
ALRICK HUBBELL.

For Marshal,
SAMUEL J. COLE.

For City Treasurer,
WILLIAM P. CARPENTER.

For City Attorney,
EATON J. RICHARDSON.

For Overseer of the Poor,
JOHN T. JONES.

For Justice of the Peace,
(full term,)

WILLIAM R. ANTHONY.

For Justice of the Peace,
(to fill vacancy,)

WILLIAM J. STANFORD.

For School Commissioner,
EDMUND A. WETMORE.