



**Mary Pickford testifies for a friend-*PHOTO BY: John Malmin / Los Angeles Times***

March 16, 1944: Mary Pickford is photographed in Los Angeles Superior Court, where she had come to testify for a friend seeking damages following a traffic accident.

Mary Pickford, who described herself “in a humble way, a writer too,” yesterday took the witness stand before Superior Court Judge Roy V. Rhode to aid her friend, **Inez Wallace Hubbell**, newspaperwoman, in a \$100,000 damage suit as aftermath of an automobile accident.

Mrs. Hubbell, columnist known as Inez Wallace, is assistant to the editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer. She charges that she received serious injuries to her head and spine when the taxicab in which she was riding last June 3 was involved in a three-car collision.

“America’s Sweetheart” told of her friend’s activities and many interests preceding the accident, and of her obvious illness afterwards.

“Mrs. Hubbell was a very active woman,” Miss Pickford testified when questioned by Paul Blackwood, attorney for her friend. “I’m also an active woman, but I found it difficult to keep up with her.”

The trial results were not reported in the Times. This photo was probably taken during a break in trial proceedings — a common practice in the 1940s.

1. [The Rotarian - Apr 1925 - Google Books Result](#)

*books.google.com/books?id=gEQEAAAAMBAJ...* Vol. 26, No. 4 - 64 pages - Magazine

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article is written especially for the women of Rotary by **Inez Wallace Hubbell**, well known writer, and the wife of a Cleveland Rotarian.

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1. [ArchiveGrid: Inez Wallace and Frank Hubbell papers, 1891-1969.](#)

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**Inez Wallace** and Frank **Hubbell** papers, 1891-1969. **Wallace, Inez**, 1888-1966. 1.40 linear ft. Western Reserve Historical Society Contact an Archivist to learn ...

Notes and summaries: Inez Wallace was a writer and entertainment columnist, working for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, 1920s-1950s, and as a feature writer for many popular magazines. She was a gossip columnist in Hollywood, wrote the scripts for several radio and TV programs and authored the story upon which the movie "I walked with a zombie" was based. Inez's husband, Frank Hubbell, owned the Hubbell Advertising Agency in Cleveland, Ohio and was also a founder of the Direct Mail Advertising Agency. He specialized in motivational messages, advertising mottoes, and promotional materials. Correspondence, writings, legal documents, clippings, scrapbooks, and diaries, including typescripts of Wallace's columns, magazine feature stories, radio and TV scripts, short stories, and a novel. The collection pertains to the lives of Inez Wallace and Frank Hubbell, concentrating on their personal relationship and Wallace's writing career. Includes material on Hubbell's career in advertising, the film industry and Hollywood lifestyle, and cold war propoganda related to Wallace's script for the 1956 political commentary, "I'm going to scream again."

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Hi Tasha,

In your original message you asked if anyone had information about Frank Hubbell. Well, I do. I live in a house that Frank's father (Oliver S. Hubbell) built in 1905. His father was a successful Cleveland businessman in the printing and advertising. Frank had one natural brother James Leslie, and a brother by adoption from his father's second marriage Ted Booth Powers Hubbell. Frank married Eva Jones on Nov. 16, 1915 in New Orleans, LA. They had one child Virginia V. (as you already know). Frank sued for divorce on June 16, 1919. He remarried to Inez Wallace on Nov. 27, 1919. No children by this marriage. They remained married until his death on Jun. 28, 1962.

If you would like to know more please let me know.

Dave

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Notes: Oliver Solymon Hubbell (ME# 2702) owner of the O.S. Hubbell Printing & Publishing Co of Cleveland, OH. His son Frank Merrick Hubbell (ME# 5214) b: 1884 d: 1962