

See: George William Hubbell-CT-bio-paintings-1800s

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Sent: Monday, July 15, 2013 5:17:52 PM
Subject: RE: George William Hubbell

Dear Hilbert

Many thanks indeed for getting in contact. Thanks so much for the information. I've tracked quite a bit about him myself. He was quite a character, at least if the account of Abby Jane Morrell (her 1833 book, available on google books) is correct. I attach a copy of two family portraits which I found some years ago on an auction website. http://www.liverantiques.com/pdfs/NLSA_Winter_Issue.pdf

I find myself wanting to use the portrait, but can't trace the current owners. The auction house would not let me know their names (or did not have them), so I am at a loss.

Anyway, many thanks for your help.

all best
James

From: hubble@comcast.net [hubble@comcast.net]
Sent: 14 July 2013 14:47
To: James Fairhead
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Subject: George William Hubbell

Dear Mr Fairhead,

Carol Boggs forwarded your e-mail.

The short answer is that sadly I have no information on the portrait.

I am interested in George William Hubbell and have some conducted research for a unpublished book regarding the Hubbell merchants and sea captains.

"The firm Smith & Hubbell operated from 1810 to 1819. The partners Joseph Smith and Anson Hubbell (376, 1787-1819) were based in New York on South Street. Anson was the son of Captain Amos Hubbell (117) and his second wife Eleanor Hubbell (493) daughter of Nathan Hubbell (159) and Anna Wakeman, "his second cousin, once removed".

"25 May 1810. The subscribers being entered into co-partnership, their business will be conducted with the firm SMITH & HUBBELL at 45 South St. Joseph R. Smith & Anson Hubbell."

The firm handled cargoes from all over the world i.e. Havana, Cuba; Bordeaux, France; Port au Prince and Aux Cays, Haiti; Algeciras and Cadiz, Spain; Liverpool, England; Lisbon, Portugal; Fayal, Azores; Calcutta and Madras, India; et al. The cargoes were as varied as the ports, some samples; quick silver, Hyson tea, Bohea tea, goat skins, livestock (Merino sheep), Bourbon coffee, indigo, sugar, gin, cedar, Naples brandy, flats for hats, fruit, Malaga wine, Madeira wine, specie, pig iron, rum, silk, turtle shells, claret, oranges, limes, salt, ginger and a 300 ton anchor.

They also chartered and sold vessels. George William Hubbell (1341, 1796-1831), the eldest son of Captain Ezekiel Hubbell and Catharine joined the firm at the age of sixteen. When he was nineteen he was employed by the firm as supercargo on the brig CANNON on a voyage to Portugal and Gibraltar. In 1816 he was supercargo for a load of munitions to Buenos Aires, then fighting for independence from Spain. There was an oversupply and after some time sold the ship and cargo at a loss. The partnership ended with the death of Anson Hubbell 7 September 1819. George William Hubbell went on to be the Consul General in the Philippines where he died of cholera in 1831".

He was the first U S consul to the Spanish Philippine Islands and there is a memorial in Manila. From our 1995 family history:

" When Mr. Hubbell died in Manila, his family sent the monument to place over his grave. Since Hubbell was both a Protestant and a Mason, however, his interment was not permitted in a Spanish Catholic cemetery and the monument was kept at the firm's warehouse until 1904 when the city authorities placed it at Plaza Cervantes. In 1954, the monument was moved to the US Embassy grounds."

The inscription reads "This monument is erected to perpetuate the memory of George W Hubbell Esq United States Consul to this Island who died May 3 1831 age 35 years. He was a native of Bridgeport State of Connecticut and son of Capt Ezekiel Hubbell"

Hilbert Hubble