Email string about Lindley Dodd Hubbell and Madge Delano Hubbell Tweed

From: "Eve Kahn" < evemkahn@gmail.com
To: "Hilbert Hubble" < hhubble@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2013 7:53:35 PM

Subject: Re: NY Times Antiques columnist, seeking Lindley Dodd Hubbell line

information

this is JUST AMAZING!! Laura does write here about her namesake Laura Williams and the family's houses side by side on Broad Street in Hartford, it fills in blanks wonderfully, THANK YOU so much! I am sifting through the Williams family correspondence and will send info on Madge Delano Hubbell Tweed (1890-1915) as it turns up. I visited her grave in Spring Grove cemetery in Hartford on Thursday and realized with a wrench that the burial card on file at the cemetery (see attached) has, in tiny letters above her name, "and child"... "unknown Tweed" was the baby's name in the rootsweb etc. databases... All best, stay tuned for more discoveries! -- Eve Kahn (www.evekahn.com)

On Sun, Oct 6, 2013 at 4:57 PM, < hhubble@comcast.net> wrote: Eve,

Many thanks for the info, I think you have more information than I do! I have quite a bit of on Colonel Lindley Dodd Hubbell, and we hold at Hubbell Center several books of Lindley Williams Hubbell's poetry in Japanese!

Attached are copies of the files mentioned by Laura Burlingame and held at Hubbell Center. Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

I would be very happy to receive scans of the correspondence with the family. I would also like to have a copy of the article when you finish.

Regards,

Hilbert Hubble

From: "Eve Kahn" <evemkahn@gmail.com>

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Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2013 1:37:05 PM

Subject: Fwd: NY Times Antiques columnist, seeking Lindley Dodd Hubbell line

information

Greetings! I sent the below to Patricia Dawson last week but am not sure I've used best way to reach her, I would be grateful for ANY advice, MANY thanks! -- Eve Kahn

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From: Eve Kahn < evemkahn@gmail.com >

Date: Fri, Sep 27, 2013 at 11:56 AM

Subject: NY Times Antiques columnist, seeking Lindley Dodd Hubbell line information

To: hubcentr@aol.com

Greetings! Carol Hubbell Boggs suggested I contact you. I write about Antiques for the NY Times (for more about me see www.evekahn.com), and I am working on a feature about a forgotten Impressionist painter, Mary Rogers Williams (1857-1907), who ran Smith College's art department from around 1888 to 1906. Her correspondence survives (grandchildren of a painter friend of Mary's have saved it), and there are Hubbells mentioned throughout! That is, Mary and her three sisters lived at 1492 Broad Street in Hartford, and Lindley Dodd Hubbell lived at 1478 Broad! Mary spent a sabbatical, 1898-99, in Paris, and Lindley's daughter Madge (1890-1915) wrote to Mary so often that Mary's letters home to her sisters are full of quotes from Madge's apparently adorable letters with ever-improving penmanship... Madge, who married a swashbuckling aviator (John Hancock Tweed, grandson of Boss Tweed, airport in New Haven was named for him!), was buried with the Williams sisters--and weirdly without her maiden name on the stone! See attached (it's in Spring Grove Cemetery, Hartford, I'm going to visit next week).

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And Madge's brother

Lindley Williams Hubbell, who went on to become a famous poet, got his middle name from the Williams sisters and attributes his early inspiration to Mary's youngest sister, Laura (again, see attached, from a 1994 interview with the poet)--the Williams family archive has poetic 1940s correspondence from Lindley to Laura.

James Kirkup

In Memory of Lindley Williams Hubbell

Not a single window lighted in the mountain villages, whose lanes are dark as furrows in the burnen fields. But moonlight silvers panes of broken glass, and roofs tiled with native slate; and somewhere a bonfire smolders in parched ravines, a tree glows with pale bloosom in old snow. And in ancient half-ruined churches a candle burns, a crucifix glitters in reflected radiance from a leaded lancet.

The sleeping faith is somehow kept alive amid indifference, neglect and soom while the silent bells hang sullenly like heavy fruit in the open gables of a land too poor for steeples.

But even here

someone now awakens before dawn, begins to kindle fire in a hearth never completely cold. Yoko Danno

An Interview At Kunishima Hospital, Kyoto January 31, 1994

About "Aunt" Loura Williams

Actually she was not my aunt, she was my godmother, but we were accustomed to call her "Aunt." Her house was next door to ours and I mostly stayed at her house. She brought me up. She was a lieder singer and studied in Germany and lived in Italy, and she started me on French, Italian, and German. She was a very cultured woman and she was the greatest influence in my life. That's why I use three names, because her name was Williams. So I was given my middle name.

About His Parents

My mother liked to read Shakespeare and loved the theater. From the time I was a little boy she took me to everything, so I went to the theater often. My father was a colonel in the army and he was only interessed in hunting and fishing, killing things. . . . Well, he was very good to me. To me he was very kind and he never scodded me in his life. I was always left free, and to me he was very generous with money.

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I suppose artistically the greatest influences I ever had were my aunt and Duse. I saw Duse and Bernhardt and they were the two greatest actresses, and the two greatest opera singers

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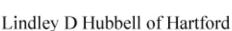
Lindley's own SISTER Laura was probably named after Laura Williams!

Which is why I'm contacting you (and THANK YOU for reading this long saga!). Apparently Laura Virginia Hubbell Burlingame or her descendants gave your archive some material about that branch of the family? And I'm wondering if there are any references to the Williams sisters, Lindley's wife Nettie's friendship with Laura Williams, and the years on Broad Street, etc., and if so what's best way for me to access the files (and I would be gratefully happy to scan Williams family correspondence that I have about the Hubbells)? Let me know best way to proceed, MANY thanks in advance, all best! -- Eve Kahn (tel. 212-580-2693)

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