



FAMILY NOTES

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The Hubbell Family Historical Society

Descendants of Richard Hubball, Immigrant to North America

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21st Biennial Reunion to be in British Columbia!

Join your cousins in the Canadian Rockies for food, fun and fellowship! We will gather in late June, 2024, in Prince George, British Columbia. The central focus of our reunion is a field trip to the [Huble Homestead](#), 40 miles outside of Prince George. Albert Huble built the cabin in 1912 after he and his wife, Annie, welcomed a second baby. During our visit, we will hear a presentation about the Huble diaries.

Your reunion organizers are working to ensure ample time for exploring Prince George and the environs as well as visiting with family.

Actual dates for the reunion will be announced in the Fall (2023) Family Notes. We wish everyone safe travels and look forward to seeing you in 2024!

(Draft schedule on page 5)

Don't forget to renew or apply for your passport!

Processing Times as of March 24, 2023 (per travel.state.gov):

Routine - 10 to 13 weeks (plus up to 4 weeks for mailing)

Expedited - 7 to 9 weeks (plus up to 4 weeks for mailing)



The Hubbell Society Museum & Library

The Hubbell Society Museum & Library (HSML) is a volunteer not-for-profit organization, founded in 1981, to research the genealogy, preserve the history, recognize the achievements, and promote fellowship for the descendants of Richard Hubball, the immigrant. The Society invites membership from descendants of Richard Hubball of England and New Haven Colony, Connecticut, from persons interested in genealogy and history, and from organizations supporting such activities.

President: Matthew R. Hubbell

Vice President: Stephen Kent Hubbell

Recording Secretary: Kitty Ver Kuilen

Treasurer: Jan Hubbell Fulton

Annual Dues:

(Payable in U.S. Or Canadian dollars)

Individual/Family (<i>w/ minor children</i>)...	\$20
Contributing Member	\$50
Participating Member	\$100
Proud to be a Hubbell/Hubble	\$200
Societies and Libraries	\$10

Gifts are tax deductible. Members are invited to send contributions.

Reunions:

Membership reunion meetings are held every two years. The next Biennial will be held in Prince George, BC, Canada, in 2024.

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Readers are encouraged to submit Hubbell-related articles, images, or leads.



From the Desk of the President

This column is usually written by Matthew Hubbell, but this time Matt had a higher priority. His father, Donald C Hubbell, passed away last week after a short decline. Don is a past president of our society, and was the current Membership Chair. Many of you would recognize the return address label on your newsletters as being from Don's home in Parma, OH. We will all miss him and his dedication to our extended family of Hubbell cousins.

Rest in Peace, Donald C Hubbell
9-12- 30 to 6-2-2023



Note from the Editor

Notices

- The Board of Directors will be meeting in Des Moines June 9th and 10th, 2023. As always, meetings are open and members are invited to attend and observe. Contact the president for more details.
- The Society is looking for a volunteer to take over the Hall of Fame Committee. This committee is responsible for gathering nominations and awarding plaques to Society members who have made significant contributions to the HSM&L. For more details, contact the president (Matt Hubbell) at m.r.hubbell@gmail.com.
- Go Green! Get your Family Notes via PDF download instead of paper. Send a request to hubbmember@gmail.com.
- The 2024 Reunion will be in Prince George, British Columbia, Canada. Our focus will be the Huble Homestead Historic Site, <https://www.hublehomestead.ca/>. Get your passports ready!

Volunteer Opportunities at 2024 Reunion!

Volunteers are needed during the 2024 Reunion to staff the hospitality room. You would typically be the person responsible to lock up the room when everyone leaves, and be a contact point for questions. Forward any questions you can't answer yourself to organizers or Board members who can. This is a great way to meet and visit with cousins as they drop in, or stay for hours doing a jigsaw puzzle. You would also be in charge of the merchandise table, and distribute badges and other registration materials as cousins arrive. We will not be selling anything on-site, but you may be responsible for accepting order forms and payments for later fulfillment of Hubbell items. Support is readily available. Questions? Or ready to sign up? Contact Heather Kotula at hkotula@accessinn.com.

My vision for the Family Notes is that it be our collective voice as a Society. Do you have an interesting hobby? Have you had a great travel adventure? Have you met a distant Hubbell cousin? Did one of your forebears have a unique life? Have you rummaged through old records in out-of-the-way courthouses?

I would love to share your stories here. Please send me short, medium, or long entries at anne@cooperis.com. Pictures are quite welcome. I can edit or crop a picture if you send me an original .jpg or .gif.

Thank you, *Anne*

Anne Hubbell Cooper, Editor - Family Notes

Gingerbread Recipe

(reprinted from *Family Fare: The Hubbell Family Historical Society Cookbook*, 1989)

Submitted by Harold B. Hubbell, 8098, Rowayton, CT

This was a recipe of Emily Louisa Hubbell, wife of Rev. George Albert Hubbell (3663) who was Minister of the First Methodist Church of New Rochelle, New York in 1891-3. The recipe appeared in the cookbook of the First Methodist Church, New Rochelle in 1940. It must be, as Harold described it, "tried and true"!

¼ cup molasses	1 egg
¾ cup sugar	¾ tsp. soda
1/3 cup melted fat	1 tsp. ginger
1 cup flour	2 tsp. Cinnamon, nutmeg
¾ cup sour milk	

Mix the ingredients in the order given, sifting the flour and soda before adding them. Bake in a slow over in a shallow pan or muffin tins.



*Typical hospitality room
(2019 Reunion in Houghton, Michigan)*

2024 Draft Reunion Schedule *(subject to change as planning evolves)*

Day one:

12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Reunion check in is open in the hospitality room of the reunion hotel. Pick up your badge, visit, have a snack, do a jigsaw puzzle, buy some Hubbell swag! (Volunteers needed to help!)

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Family Board Meeting in the hospitality room. Everyone is welcome to attend. Dinner on your own in Prince George. A list of recommended restaurants will be forthcoming.

Day two:

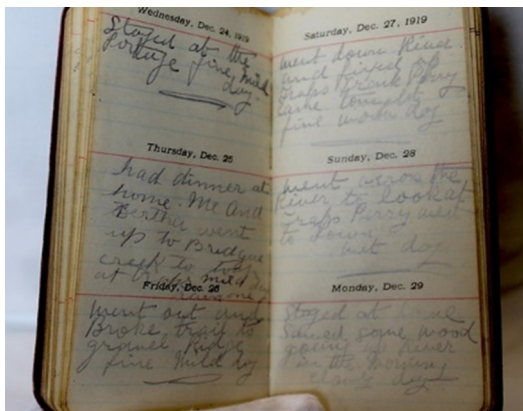
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Field trip to the Huble Homestead and Giscome Portage Heritage Society. LUNCH IS INCLUDED and provided by the Huble Homestead.

The facility can accommodate a maximum of 100 people. We will be setting up shared rides and will be soliciting information about rental cars or other vehicles. You will be asked to share this information on the registration form. (Think about mixing it up! You came with your own family, how about finding a ride with a cousin you don't know yet?)

9:00 a.m. Meet at a location to be determined (but at or near the hotel) to load rental cars and depart.

10:00 a.m. Arrive at Huble Homestead and explore on your own. For those with mobility issues, there will be a Virtual Tour in the Welcome Barn.

11:00 a.m. Presentation by Krystal Leason, Executive Director, about Al Huble's diary.



12:00 p.m. Hamburger and hot dog lunch. Seating is available in the Welcome Barn and the Animal Barn Loft. (There is no elevator. Those with mobility issues will need to sit in the Welcome Barn. Younger cousins are encouraged to try the Animal Barn Loft.)

1:00 p.m. Various Homestead activities – choose from ice cream making, butter making, or a hike to the Portage (wear good walking shoes that can get wet), visit the General Store, more exploring, relaxing, playing cribbage, or lawn games.

3:00 p.m. Load cars to return to Prince George.

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Hospitality room open (Volunteers needed to help!) and dinner on your own in Prince George.

Day three:

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Hospitality room open. (Volunteers needed to help!)

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Continental breakfast in the hospitality room.

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Presentations by and about Hubbells.

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch on your own in Prince George.

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hospitality room open. (Volunteers needed to help!)

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Family Board meeting in the Hospitality room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

5:00 p.m. Family Group Photo at the Central BC Railway and Forestry Museum. Everyone please come! The museum is approximately 2 miles from the reunion hotel. We will set up more shared rides so that all vehicles will fit in the parking lot.

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Awards Banquet at the Central BC Railway and Forestry Museum. Explore the museum (please note that some exhibits are outdoors), take a ride on the MiniRail Train, and then enjoy a plated dinner (you will be asked to choose your entrée on the registration form). A cash bar will be available.



Hubble Links Community when Disasters Strike

Abridged from article in the [Voice of OC](#) by Noah Biesiada on April 10th, 2023

When Wildfires, Mudslides Hit Orange County's Canyons, Residents Turn To This Woman

One of Orange County's (California) hidden jewels are its canyons, a network of trails and dirt roads that create a remote enclave just minutes away from the urban heart of the county.

Yet these canyons often become dangerous places to live, with frequent evacuations for wildfires and the inevitable mudslides that follow them.

For years, first responders have struggled to get information out to residents in a timely manner, leading to confusion over who is supposed to evacuate and where to.

As a result, many of those residents don't look to the county when they see smoke from their backyard or the first drops of rain on an empty hillside.

They look to people like Joanne Hubble.

A canyon resident for over 40 years, Hubble runs an email list with over 2,300 subscribers, keeping subscribers up to date on any evacuation orders or events in the canyons.

She also runs a Twitter page with news about the canyons and helps coordinate evacuations with other residents year round.

Hubble said she started her email after the 2007 Santiago Fire ripped through the canyons and the lack of communication from government agencies left residents in the dark for days.

Watching the fire burn through the canyons on local news channels from her hotel room, Hubble said she couldn't get any information or find out what happened to any of her neighbors.

"I surfed nine different news channels all day long. Every day, for days. I couldn't find anything," Hubble said. "There was no

communication, no one could get a hold of anybody...there was no help from anywhere."

In the last three years alone, canyon residents have had to evacuate for three different wildfires and a series of mudslides that followed them, and there were multiple instances where county leaders issued conflicting information on who did or didn't need to evacuate.

In 2018, a grand jury even looked at the problem, laying out a series of recommendations on how county leaders could better communicate with residents during natural disasters after problems in the Canyon 2 and Jim Fires.

In 2020, power in the canyons was cut off at the start of the Bond Fire, forcing residents to drive to the nearest fire station to alert the fire department and go door to door telling their neighbors to get out.

Laura Bennett, who's lived up in the canyons for decades, said she found out about the Bond Fire from one of her neighbors driving up the hillside honking at people to get out of bed.

"We'd just gotten to bed, it was like 12:30 a.m., and he's like, 'Get out, there's a fire, it's coming right now,'" Bennett said. "We went out on our deck and we're like, 'Oh, the whole hillside's glowing.'"

During the evacuations, Joanne is usually found on her radio and computer, sending out email blasts to residents and trying to help coordinate and disseminate information.



*Joanne Hubble photographed in her neighborhood on Dec. 16, 2022.
Credit: LIZETH MARTINEZ, Voice of OC.*

She also has a landline set up that works when the power goes out, a rarity up in the canyons that she says is a leftover from when she worked at AT&T.

“That’s what Joanne always does,” Bennett said. “Everybody else is panicking, Joanne gets on, she lets everybody else know what’s going on.” Despite those fire risks, the people who live there have no plans to leave, citing the tight-knit community of neighbors and friends that create a more rural town in the middle of Southern California.

“We’ve had 13 mudslides in the last year,” Bennett said in an interview last May. “But every time people I don’t know in the canyon will show up, you know they’re my neighbors but I don’t know them, and they’ll just show up with shovels, knock on the door and say ‘What can we do how can we help? It’s been so incredibly touching.’”

There isn’t a streetlight to be seen, and almost every house has a private property sign hung on the front gate. Horses and the occasional stray turkey are a common sight on a network of one way roads that snake through the handful of canyons thousands of Orange County residents call home.

“We could put a blindfold on and plop you here and you will never know you’re in Orange County,” said Lisha Sante, a resident of Modjeska Canyon who moved in a little over two years ago after living in the city of Orange for years. “I’m never moving again.”

Hubble, who’s lived in the canyons since she was 18, said after coming from a broken home the canyons

were the first time she ever found a real family.

“Everybody that I met in Silverado...took me in and then became my family. And I felt like I actually had people,” Hubble said. “That was the spirit that kept me going.”

Bennett said she recommends Joanne’s email list to anyone and everyone if they’re looking for the most up to date information during emergencies.

“We’ve had new neighbors move in and the first thing we tell them is, ‘Oh, here you have to sign up for Joanne’s email because if anything goes wrong, she’ll let you know,’” Bennett said.

Sante echoed similar praise. “I’ve never lived in a canyon without Joanne and I don’t want to.”

On Nov. 8, 2022, the county issued a mandatory evacuation for homes in the Silverado, Williams and Modjeska Canyon areas that were affected by the Bond Fire, with concerns the rain could lead to another landslide in the area.

But Hubble was already out organizing people and getting them ready to evacuate two days earlier, sending out a notice from the National Weather Service that they were under a flash flood watch and urging people to make a plan.

“This will impact Silverado Canyon the most. There is a potential for mud flows once again,” Hubble wrote in her email at 10:25 p.m. on Nov. 6. “Please-be prepared and have a plan. If we are told to evacuate additional information will be made available at that time.”

Later that month, she also sent out a note to residents about the OC Fire Authority’s efforts to handle beetle infestations in the canyons’ trees, urging residents to allow inspectors on their land to search for the bugs and connecting residents with more information.

“We need this done ASAP, since we want to finish surveys by the end of the year if possible in order to begin tree treatments next spring,” Hubble wrote. “With major drought already stressing our trees, they need all the help we can give them.”

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Firefighters putting out a small active fire by the side of Silverado Canyon Road due to the Bond Fire on Dec. 3, 2020. Credit: OMAR SANCHEZ, Voice of OC

Isn't It Great To Be Cousins?!

By Shelton & Dottie Hubbell



Burr Hubbell next to the Homestead sign.

Before arriving at the 2022 Hubbell reunion in Litchfield, Connecticut, we (Dottie and Shelton Hubbell) drove into the beautiful country near the Upper Delaware River. An interesting place to explore had caught our attention while planning, The Hubbell Family Farm in Margaretville, NY. Surely the origins of this farm were connected to the Hubbell family at some point as Hubbells in North America trace our heritage to a single immigrant, Richard Hubball. On the website



Dottie enjoys chatting with Burr.



Vintage vehicle from past autoshop days..

hubbellfamilyfarms.com we could 'meet the Hubbells' and first up was Burr Hubbell. For me that is not a common name and I had a Burr Hubbell in my contacts, could this be the same Burr Hubbell? Indeed he is, and so our visit became very much enhanced with a personal tour from Burr.

Burr met us in front of the family store and then he walked with us around and in the vintage homes, buildings, and businesses of the multi-generation farm. Milow and Polly Hubbell founded the homestead community in 1848 and Hubbells have kept operations going ever since.

The apple cider presses can handle two loads of apples at a time. The truckloads drive up to the entryway of the multilevel barn-red buildings



A look at the past..

and unload down the chutes to the pressing. That cider was delicious and some batches acquired some additional character that added more fun. (We did enjoy some at the reunion campfire sing-a-long). But cider is not the only business in the history of this place, there have been sawmill operations, and automobile repairs.



Cider Press, 19th Century Credentials



Entry-point for apple-laden trucks.



Apple chute at the two-sided cider press.



Cider Press.



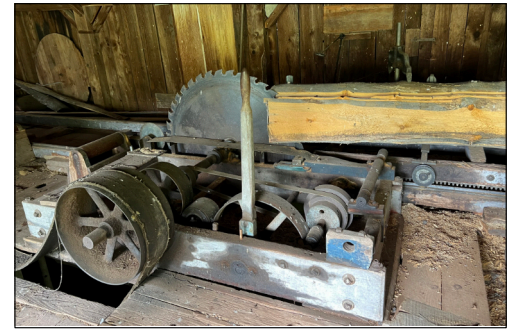
*The homestead houses:
Main (above),
Second (left),
Third (below)*



Cornell design chicken coop (below)



The cluster of buildings includes three homes for different generations of family, a chicken coop designed at Cornell University, the sawmill, the ciderpress works, the auto repairs, and now the cattle herd is sourcing delicious beef production. This was a wonderful place to visit and get to know Burr and Barbara, our cousins in New York. Barbara is quite the photographer and we do keep up with her shared images of the farm and countryside in every season.



Lumber sawmill.



Powering the mill.



Enjoying some apple squeezings at the 2022 Reunion campfire singalong. Burr Hubbell, Harvey Hubbell V, David Hubble

It was great to see Burr at the Litchfield reunion after our visit to his neck of the woods. We certainly hope we'll reconnect in the future.

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