

FAMILY NOTES

THE HUBBELL FAMILY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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1985 Biennial Reunion in Des Moines...

The Hubbell Family Historical Society has come of age! Meeting in the heart of the mid-west—at Des Moines, Iowa June 19-22, 1985—more than 100 Hubbells, Hubbles and other descendants of Richard the Immigrant came together again for days of warm family fellowship.

George K. and Vicki Hubbell of Honolulu again travelled the farthest—all the way from Hawaii. There was a large and enthusiastic contingent from Canada, inspired by Glen and Beryl Hubbell. New lines of kinship were discovered, much to the excitement of some who had worked for years to find a mutual ancestor.

Members who had previously been shy or seemed less than interested in their family line, became actively interested members and vowed that they wouldn't miss another meeting!

The usual registration, business meetings, committee meetings and other gatherings started things off on Thursday afternoon. At 5:30 a get-acquainted reception began and we renewed more friendships from Mantorville and Fairfield. Many members of the Society were present for the first time and, once again, we had great fun meeting people we had read about in the family book.

Ernest Hubbell and his wonderful staff (headed by Suzie McDonald) which had prepared the meeting and programs, arranged for our breakfast each morning in a private dining room and there we were able to chat with new friends and family. At the Friday morning meeting of the Society, James W. Hubbell, Jr., head of the famous Des Moines branch of our family, spoke to us and described in interesting detail the Trust Agreement which Frederick Marion Hubbell his great-grandfather had created many years ago. James and his wife Helen who are prominent in social and civic affairs, entertained us in their lovely home in Des Moines that afternoon. We went first to visit Terrace

Hill, now the official home of the Governors of Iowa, but formerly the residence of "F.M." and his heirs from 1884 before being turned over to the state as a museum and residence. We toured the rooms of the mansion, seeing this fantastic Victorian mansion in the state of elegance that earlier generations of Hubbells had known. We agreed that this visit, followed by the enjoyable cocktail party at James and Helen's were inspiring moments for everyone who took part.

HYATT DES MOINES THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1985		
AERO DRAPERIES	WALNUT WOODS D	7 AM
MTG	CAPTAINS RM	NOON
LUNCH		
SISTERS OF MERCY	ASPHEN	8 AM
MTG	DUCKS & CO	NOON
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HUBBELL FAMILY HISTORICAL SOCIETY		
REG	LOBBY	2 PM
MTG	WW B	2 PM
REC	WW A	5:30 PM
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MTG	WW C	7 PM
GRACE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP		
MTG	CEDAR	6 PM

After such a busy program, no special arrangements had been made for Friday dinner, so many groups of family gathered in the Hyatt Hotel's fine dining room while others sought out local restaurants. Few got to bed very early as we gave our time to learning about the lives of new-found family members, their children, and of course, their earlier antecedents, some of whom were the same or closely related to our own!

More business meetings occupied us Saturday morning after another delightful breakfast session. Society committees that had been active in 1983-5, since Fairfield, briefly reviewed their progress to date, and set out new programs for the next two years. The Genealogy Committee told how Hilbert Hubble has placed much family data in his computer. The Committee was proud of the number of hitherto un-

classified or unidentified members of the family it had placed, and who were now "in the fold." The year 1990 has been chosen to start work on a supplement to the 1980 family book, to update and correct that one, recording new family data, new biographies and photographs, etc.

An *ad hoc* Publications Committee has started to investigate a reprint of the 1980 book, making it available to those who want one. A price has not yet been determined but members will be kept informed of progress. Lillian Hubbell of St. Louis is in charge.

Unfortunately, our Membership Committee didn't function in 1983-5 and membership declined a bit, but new enthusiasm from Canadian members of the family and new plans to inform Hubbells of the Society's activities could ensure a larger membership. New President and Chairman, Leroy Hubble, is making this job a priority.

Donald Hubbell of Mountain Home was not present due to illness and could not report on the progress of a book he is working on unofficially called "Hubbell Pioneers." Ruth Ryan of Mississippi spoke about this job and urged members who had promised Donald they would write about the first Hubbell in their state to send him their stories as soon as possible. A Society Resolution of Concern and Affection was voted for Donald and Helen and has been sent them by Leroy.

A proposal by Claire Pierce of Vermont to make a donation to the "family church" in Rock, Worcestershire, England, currently raising money for repairs to its 975+ year old structure was adopted. Another proposal by Jeanette LaMacchia of Shelton Connecticut to assist the White Hills church with equally needed repairs to it and Hubbell monuments was approved. Robert Hubbell of Fall Church Virginia introduced

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 Corresponding Secretary Sandra Sue McDonald
 Treasurer Harold B. Hubbell

The Hubbell Family Historical Society invites membership from descendants of Richard Hubball of England and New Haven Colony, Connecticut, from all persons interested in genealogy and family history and from organizations supporting such activities.

Annual dues:

Husband & wife, individuals, societies, libraries \$15

Contributing member \$50

Membership-reunion meetings are held every two years.

For information, write the Society c/o 106 West 14th Street, 25th Floor, Kansas City, Missouri 64105-1992.

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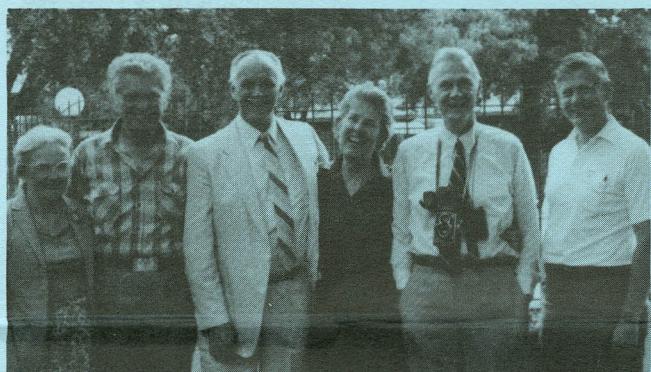
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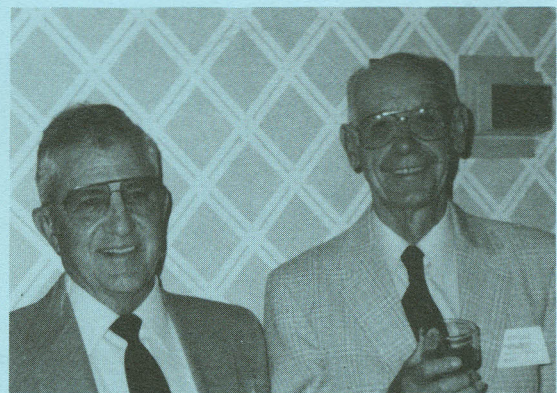
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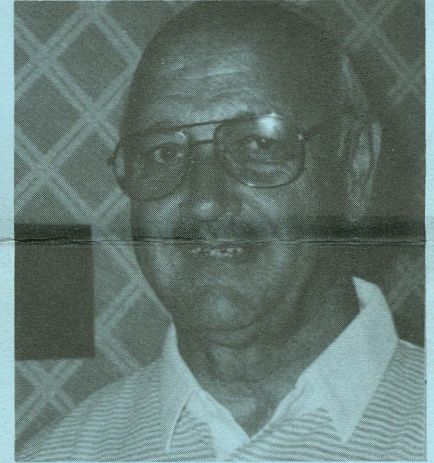
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Who's Who in the Photographs

1. Hotel directory announces HFHS activities.
2. a233. William Herndon and Sarah, (4244). Milford Myron and Mary.
3. Cedric and 6188. Claire Hubbell Pierce.
4. (23611). Raymond Harry and Mable.
5. 6166. Earl James.
6. 6473. Lillian Lois, 7383. Wanda Hubbell Puckett, 7823. JoAnn.
7. (3803). Fred and Meg Jones.
8. (a138i) Ruth and Owen Ryan, 7235. Rosalyn and Dorrance.
9. "Rosemary's cousins from Kansas": (3906). Dean Fenton, Dot Showalter, Jean Fenton, Fran Showalter, Betty Fenton, Dale Fenton.
10. (5419). Edith Gerow, 4867. George Kawaa and Vicki.
11. 6368. Juliet Hubbell Mattson, (5815) John A.
12. 7227. James Windsor, Jr.
13. 6330. Glen and Beryl, 6480. Clarence Edgar and Edith.
14. 7380. Mary, 6962. Leonard Wirkus, 6330. Glen, 6962. Rosemary, 8098. Harold, 6525. Hilbert.
15. (1892). Louise Swanson.
16. 8098. Francine, 5194. Betty.
17. 7380. R. Leroy.
18. 7227. Helen, 6053. Ernest, 8098. Harold.
19. 6955. John Edgar, 4820. E. Neil.
20. 5580. Dorothy Hubbell Stauffer.
21. (5334). Eleanora and Bernard Stone.
22. 5193. Clifton Howells, 5194. Robert Lamson and Betty.
23. 7554. Fred Cyrus, 7555. Mike Ryne.
24. Plaque at the entrance to Terrace Hill.
25. (375). Betty Potter, 7120. Ruth, 6125. Ann Hubbell Vaughn.
26. 6919. Harold Gordon.
27. Suzie McDonald, 7697. John Macpherson.
28. 6062. Marnie and John Platt, 6053. Nevah.
29. 6053. Ernest, 7380. Mary.
30. 6330. Beryl, 7806. Myrna Hubbell Kepford.
31. (5467). Helen Tucker.
32. 6955. John Edgar and Elsie.
33. 6962. Rosemary Hubbell Wirkus and cousins.
34. 6480. Clarence Edgar.
35. 7120. Harlin Dale.
36. (5467). Sisters Lynn Palmer and June Woodside ready to go on stage.
37. 6053. Ernest (retiring President, dynamic Person).
38. (375). Charley and Betty Potter.
39. 7809. Larry David, a70. James Paul.

Despite the photographers' efforts some faithful and hard working members are not shown here, and for this we are sorry. We're also sorry if we inadvertently incorrectly identified anyone. Numbers next to names are from the family book.



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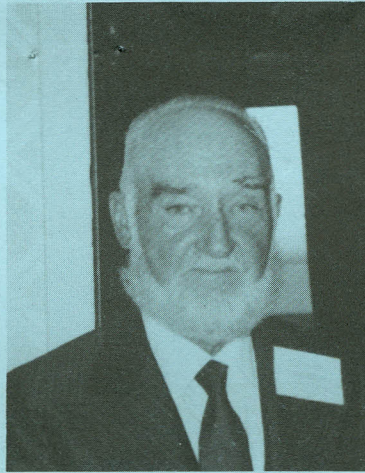
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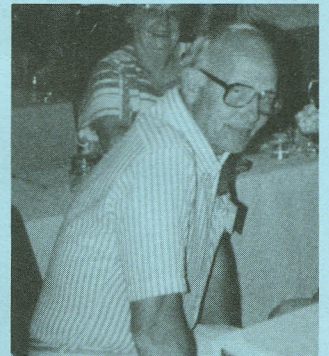
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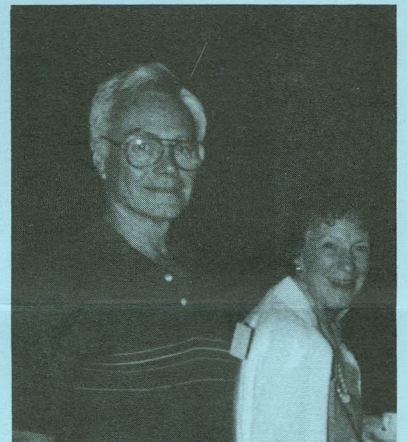
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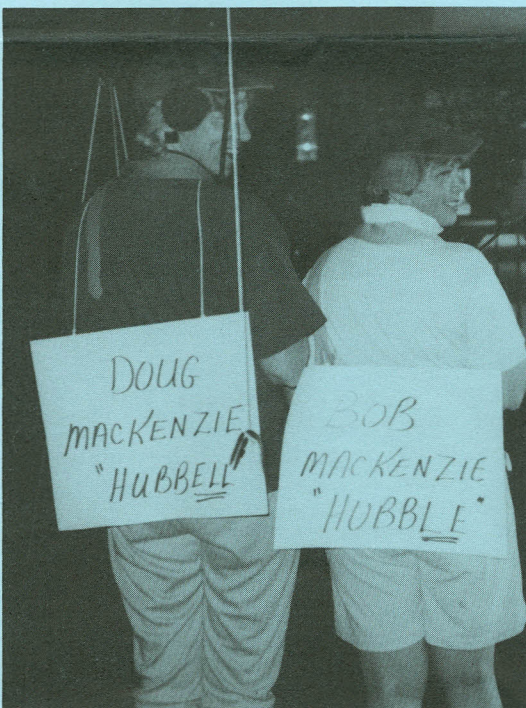
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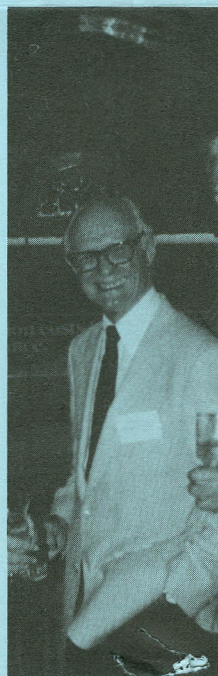
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a different idea, to take a collection from those present. Bob's proposal was adopted and the sum of \$250 for each was collected—a check for these amounts has been sent to each organization.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to bus tours of important Des Moines cultural sites, and members visited the Des Moines Art Center and Salisbury House. The latter is a replica of the cathedral close in Salisbury England and houses fascinating antiques.

As is now our tradition, Saturday night was devoted to a family banquet with brief speeches on subjects of interest to the family by persons brave enough to face all those eager family members, hanging on each word. Outgoing President Ernest Hubbell was enthusiastically applauded as he received a plaque from Rosemary Wirkus citing his services to the Society since Mantorville as our first President and Chairman of the Board of Directors. His hard work organizing the Society and then putting it on the road to success required the special skills he possesses. We are indeed lucky that someone like Ernest, who is a lawyer, was with us from the outset. He will remain a Director so we will have the chance to draw again upon his vast knowledge. Helen Tucker presented Ernest with a token of appreciation on behalf of Canadian Hubbells.

A highlight of the ceremonies was an amusing skit put on by the daughters of Mrs. Tucker—Lynn Palmer and June Woodside. The two ladies portrayed

“Doug Hubbell” and “Bob Hubble,” outlandish types who slugged beer and fished in a bucket while poking fun at the family. The skit was based upon a Canadian TV show and evoked chuckles and laughs from the audience.

Bernice Trelevan spoke of “Hubbells in Canada” and Mrs. Beryl Hubbell about “Hubbells as United Empire Loyalists”—bringing us new and exciting dimensions of our family north of the border. Last summer several members of the Society attended interesting ceremonies for the bicentennial of United Empire Loyalists, and at the invitation of Beryl and Glen visited a number of sites important to Hubbell history in Canada.

Incoming President and Chairman of the family Society, R. Leroy Hubble of Cisne Illinois, spoke a thoughtful appraisal of his personal feelings towards the family. His words, entitled “Why I am Proud to be a Hubble,” recalled memories of childhood on an Illinois farm where his family, a large one and long present in that area, developed and preserved strong ties to the family homestead. Leroy wishes that these ties be shared by his descendants, and believes we may all enjoy a gratifying family relationship through our family association. He reflected upon work to be done in the future, necessary to maintain an active and flourishing organization, dedicated to preserving our heritage. Leroy reminded us of our ancient English descent from Richard Hubball, pointing out that we were indeed all

“cousins.” He spoke movingly of our family, “a talented clan,” of its history and accomplishments which makes him proud to be a Hubble.

Our 1985 biennial reunion ended with an inspiring prayer from George Kawaa Hubble. We adjourned for some last minute chats, and made plans for midsession visits. It is hoped that the 1987 meeting may be in Ganado, Arizona, site of the Hubbell Trading Post (plans for that meeting will be passed along to members later). Many of us were on hand Sunday morning for a final breakfast together before we set out on our various ways towards home, or towards vacation, and looking ahead to 1987!

RHW & HBH

1980 Family Book...

Jean A. Larson, a member of the Society, has advised us that she is holding several copies of the 1980 edition of the Hubbell family genealogy, with an Index also. Members interested in obtaining a book should write direct to Jean Larson at 1323 12th Avenue, San Francisco, California 95207, Apartment #2, and arrange their own terms with her. In addition, Harold has received a copy owned by a deceased member of the family. The book is in excellent condition. The price is \$90. A check for that amount may be sent to Harold, in Rowayton, made payable to the Society. You may return it if not satisfied, of course.

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