

FAMILY NOTES

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FAMILY NEWS...

Dorothy S. Hubbell (4572), director of the Society, received the Spirit of Arizona award February 10, 1986 in ceremonies at the State capitol commemorating Admission Day — the admission of Arizona to the Union. In a letter, she described her excitement at being presented with other honorees in the state senate chamber, with the full senate in attendance. Dorothy was introduced by state Senator Hays who presented the award — a plaque in the shape of the state of Arizona, beautifully polished, with a plate saying:

Spirit of Arizona Award
Presented to
Dorothy S. Hubbell
in recognition of your contributions
to the Heritage of the State of Arizona
Admission Day 1986
Arizona State Senate

Dorothy Hubbell is no stranger to the press — we receive clippings concerning her activities rather regularly from interested members of the Society who agree with me that her many vivid recollections of life at the Hubbell Trading Post on the Navajo Indian Reservation are worth preserving carefully! She was recently recognized by the Sun Cities Women in Partnership, a group honoring the retirement communities' outstanding women, being named in 1985 the outstanding woman in the state. Dorothy's life has been an interesting one indeed. We're looking forward to meeting her at Ganado in 1986 at the Society's biennial reunion meeting.

Rosemary Hubbell Wirkus (6962), tireless Society worker and indefatigable accumulator of family lore has sent along an amusing anecdote told her by Eileen Hart Hubbell (6290j).

Late in the 1960s Eileen went to Greece, and at the Athens airport an official who spoke limited English demanded her passport curtly: "Passport!". She gave it to him. He then pointed to a near-by chair and said "Sit!" She did. He looked the passport over, examining the photograph, then back at her while he rapidly dialed someone to whom he said "ee-lay-nuh ooblay." This message obviously did not satisfy the party at the other end because

he then shouted loudly and with vehemence to his invisible partner: "Hurry Up Baby Baby Easy Love Love!"

Eileen reports she was suddenly acutely embarrassed and uncomfortable, but equally perplexed, wondering what terrible event lay ahead. Suddenly understanding what he was saying she collapsed into laughter. Eileen says that every member of the family should remember how to spell his name in this graphic way!

Judith Puckett is a member of the Society and daughter of Wanda Hubbell Puckett (7383), and lives in Wayne County Illinois. She writes a weekly column there for The Prairie Post and for the Wayne County Press which she calls "A Few Caught Thoughts." Judith is on the faculty of Frontier Community College. Her interest in writing began in high school and continued into college where she was editor of the college newspaper. Judith comments that her columns are usually personal; she writes "as an observer of the world. I keep the traditional form of essay in mind."

Recently Judith was honored by winning a first honorable mention in the Illinois Press Association's 1985 newspaper contest. Her award was in the original column category. Judges commented that her columns were "well written, reflecting obvious deep thought."

Several of her essays deal with memories and anecdotes of her Hubbell family, early settlers in the area. Judith writes about a cedar tree planted by Sullivan Hubbell (2864) in the old family cemetery. Another about a felt hat of Ora Hubbell (5982), "black as a barn at midnight, peaked just right in front, and encircled by a wide, formal shiny hatband, it was spiffy headgear." A particularly personal column described the old homestead of John Hubbell (4449) where Judith and family live, and from which she evokes memories of her great-grandmother Samantha. I hope Judith will devote many more essays to her family, preserving those wonderful memories, about which she writes so movingly.

A new member of the Society, Beverly Hubbell Tauke, has an interesting job in Washington D.C. And, she has quite a

reputation to go along with her work, according to Washington publications. As a successful press Secretary for an Iowa Senator, she has been praised as "certainly one of the handful of Hill press secretaries considered superior by reporters. As Senator Charles E. Grassley's press secretary, she is credited with playing a major role in raising the consciousness of the press about her boss, an Iowa farmer elected in 1980 who seemed destined for six years of obscurity", said the Washington Journalism Review. "Hubble worked hard to change press attitudes toward Grassley, first laying the groundwork for her boss' transformation from farmer to solid senator, then ably providing the access once a reporter's appetite was whetted. . . . Bev Hubble made people take Grassley seriously." Less charitable words were directed at the Senator by the Capitol Register, but Beverly was complimented by describing her as a "noted creator of silk purses" saying also that she "responded modestly to praise, but characteristically did not miss a chance to boost her boss."

Beverly is married to Representative Tom Tauke, a Congressman from Iowa whom she married in 1984. The Telegraph Herald reported the marriage, giving something of Beverly's family background. Her father is Rev. Ralph Hubble, a Baptist minister. Beverly wrote to Leroy saying "here's hoping I'll have the pleasure of meeting you, and possibly will make the 1987 rendezvous in Arizona. At any rate, I'm glad to discover lost relatives, and am looking forward to perusing the family book." Well, I think we will all look forward to 1987, and seeing Beverly and Tom.

Member John H. Hubbell (5858) is one of America's leading physicists, in the field of nuclear medicine. His wife Jean keeps us up to date by furnishing regular accounts of John's work in a mysterious field, barely comprehensible to a great number of us laymen. I am delighted to add these accounts to others and family records collected over many years, to a bulging file.

John's recent award was presented by The Society of Nuclear Medicine. The Chairman of the Society wrote John appraising him of the award, saying: "As Chairman, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that you have been selected to

be the recipient of the 1985 Paul C. Aebersold Award for outstanding achievement relating to the basic science aspects of nuclear medicine. You know that this is one of the most prestigious awards that the Society offers each year." Another scientist commented on John's work by saying: "In this way, absolutely unique in my experience, John serves as a bridge for dissemination of information, scientific progress and fellowship between scientists of several disciplines on a world-wide scale." A publication for scientists commented on his very active schedule, noting that "his intense desire to observe astronomical orbiting bodies led him to drive more than 800 miles a day, through the worst winter storm in 50 years, to reach central Canada in time for the total eclipse of the sun in 1979."

Jean says that they are still looking forward to attending a reunion meeting, just as soon as John slows down!

A very faithful member of the Society who made the long trip from Arkansas to Fairfield in 1983, and then was with us at Des Moines, is Reverend Jessie Scaggs (a68ii). She is an ordained Methodist minister and currently leads three (!) Methodist flocks in Kansas — churches at Parker, Beagle and Fontana.

Jessie has shared with several of us some of the monthly newsletters published jointly by her Charge. Leroy Hubble called attention to an item which impressed him, and I know others will find it significant reading also.

A parishioner wrote to express worry that his job demands which required him to work on Sunday were going to interfere with attending services at his church. This bothered him a lot. Jessie answered him by citing Jesus' response to indignant Pharisees who watched as He and the Disciples gathered corn on the Sabbath, and she added these observations:

"Times have changed; for good or worse, who know for sure? People everywhere are working wild hours and often away from their families. If this is really necessary in order to have a job, then you do not need the extra burden of the devil's guilt trips.

"Look after your own spiritual welfare though. Find some time for feeding your soul with devotional reading, prayer and attending Church as often as you can. And watch out for letting your frustration be an excuse for picking on your family. That's won't wash! Your family misses you, too. So, make your time with them quality time."

Harvey Hubbell, member of the Society and of the famous "electricity" branch of

Hubbells is an ardent balloonist. Reports of his exploits in this country and abroad have appeared regularly in the last year. We have a large and interesting collection of these newspapers reports and intend to give members a full story in the 1986 Annual where more space will permit greater detail.

Chairman of the Finance Committee, Robert Lamson Hubbell (5194) has received the 1985 "Pillar of the Community Award" from the Greater Falls Church Chamber of Commerce. He is retiring as Vice-Mayor of Falls Church, Virginia in June of this year when he will have completed eight years of service on the City Council. [Ed. note: no one can imagine the confusion among the papers on this editor's desk concerning Society business, some for Bob Hubbell and some for Leroy Hubble, but all duly intialled by the inattentive editor "RLH". We are calling for one or t'other to change one of his Christian names to well, Xavier?]

Leroy Hubble was all smiles at Des Moines, thinking that his retirement was great fun, and it would be a peaceful voyage as President of the Society! Well, it's turned out to be less of a lark than figured for Leroy as the work piled up and at the same time he accepted presidency of Mt. Erie State Bank in Mt. Erie Illinois. Well, farm banking is no lark either these days and Leroy's wondering what happened to the joys of retirement!

I was recently contacted by Eileen Hubbell Johnson (8130), not a member of the Society, who lives in Monroe Connecticut. Eileen has been pursuing an interesting hobby in her spare time, and with assistance from amused but interested daughters. They have made a collection of photographs of Hubbell grave-stones in cemeteries in her area of Connecticut, and have nearly covered them all, Eileen says, The names have been indexed and keyed to individuals in the family book.

Given the increasing pace of vandalism these days, to say nothing of ravages of exposure to rain, snow and sun, it occurs to me that this is a commendable hobby indeed. Much valuable family information which may or may not be preserved elsewhere should find a safe home if such a collection is carefully preserved. Society members so inclined might find themselves a new hobby doing the same thing in their own area!

Eileen has moved to Lenoir North Carolina and may be contacted there at 119 Cannon Drive by anyone interested in knowing more about the information she has.

— HBH

PROJECTS . . .

It's always pleasing to report on new and continuing projects which members of the Society devote time and energy to, and which all members will find entertaining and meaningful.

Donald S. Hubbell (4599) is well near finished with his work on "Pioneer Hubbells", biographies and accounts of the first known member of the family resident in each of the 50 states. Donald advises there are very few gaps left now. He expects to get together this summer with Wilson Whitman in Rhode Island for a review of the copy prepared to date. Members who have furnished material to Donald have been kept aware of the progress which has been slow, unfortunately, because of Donald's illness.

Milford M. Hubbell (4244) is working with other members on a "Hubbell Place-Name" project, being a collection of areas, villages or towns, etc. which bear our name. There are many of these, of course, and we are waiting for a word from the workers on this project just how they're getting on and what kind of information they would like from members. Phyllis Hubbell had spent a lot of time developing similar information before she died — she thought the idea a good one too.

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Distributed to members of The Hubbell Family Historical Society.

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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.

Editors: Harold B. Hubbell, Francine A. Hubbell.

QUERIES . . .

In our very large file of newspaper clippings about Hubbells/Hubbles there are still some items concerning family members who remain unidentified. A few of them are listed below. We hope some member of the Society will recognize these names and send the Editor (H.B.H.) a postcard with details:

Doris Hubbell, owner of Charmer Worm Farm, Sacramento, California in 1973.

Gary Hubbell of Concord, California in 1979, who was in an accident in Pittsburg at the Dow Chemical plant.

Don Hubbell, President of Kiwanis in 1978, Galveston, Texas.

Kathy Hubble of Vancouver, who was 16 in November 1985 and won the Canadian women's judo championship, was an honor student and acted in television commercials.

Vicki Hubbell, academic counselor in charge of football at University of Missouri, 1985, who went to a girls' school in Colorado, later to William Woods College in Fulton, Missouri.

Hilbert Hubble of the Genealogy Committee advises that he has almost completed indexing census records, as well as various other records, for Hubbells/Hubbles. This data he has placed in his computer and so he has offered to search those files for anyone seeking a member of the family. Of course, the Genealogy Committee is already doing a lot of work in preparation for the proposed Supplement to the family book, so that questions asked may most likely have been answered from records presently on file. New data continues to come in, however, and the Committee is trying to match up "unknowns". Certain members of the committee have accepted assignment to identify members of the Society still not placed. We hope that those persons who are contacted will assist the committee member in every way by responding and furnishing as many details as possible about his branch!

MEMBERSHIP . . .

Claire Pierce, Society member and one of the most active members of the Membership Committee which has been trying to implement President Leroy Hubble's drive for a bigger (and better) Society, puts it this way:

Dear Friends:

I need your help!

We must increase our membership

roster (of \$15 memberships) not only to create a financial foundation for H.F.H.S., but to add Hubbells/Hubbles to our ranks. Hubbells who are proud of their name and heritage, Hubbells who want to see H.F.H.S. continue to grow and to document family roots should all belong. We are a remarkable family, one that is a microcosm of our unique country's history. And we are as diverse as any extended family could be — from all walks of life — a healthy group reflecting the vitality of our North American continent. If everyone who reads this could accept the responsibility of adding just one new \$15 membership for the biennial year 1987, we'll be well on our way! Try not to stop at one! Memberships are considered to be thoughtful gifts by many family members. Or, give one to a favorite library or historical society! Help us to get your family members on our roster.

Please respond now. Don't disappoint us. Hubbells are worth every penny,

Claire Hubbell Pierce (6188)
Area Chairman

COMMITTEES . . .

Most important among Society activities this year has been the very strong effort made by President Leroy Hubble to build our membership. He has prepared and mailed many letters, and exerted personal efforts in other directions to attract members and to build an effective *Membership Committee*. This has been a hard job, but results are impressive as over 100 new memberships have come to the Society from Leroy's efforts and from the challenge he posed directors of the Society to recruit from among their own family groups. Some hardworking members and directors made separate and special mailings on their own which were effective. We are aware of some of those members: Jack S. Hubbell, Harry and June Hubbell, Rosella Hansen, Grahame Smallwood. Our appreciation to all, and apologies to other members not named here who may also have extended personal efforts to cooperate with Leroy. Claire Pierce's letter to all the family, talking up membership, appears in another part of the newsletter.

The *Ad Hoc committee* which was approved by the membership meeting in Des Moines to study ways and means for preparing a reprint of the 1980 family book has done very good work indeed! Lillian Hubbell's committee of Clifton Hubbell, Harry Henry Hubbell, Wanda Puckett and Betty Jo Chapman engaged a New York printer who has now finished mailing out books ordered in advance (as of end-May). A supply remains for other

interested purchasers who may send their check for \$60 (members), \$75 (non-members) payable to the Society, to our Kansas City address. The book contains the Index so that it's indeed an attractive purchase.

We are delighted to report that the *Genealogy Committee* continues to turn up new information about family members, and to identify those who were "unclassified" in the 1980 family book. At the same time much new data about hitherto unrecorded members and branches have been collected. A lot of this new data includes Hubbles. The Committee has on its agenda to prepare and make a special mailing to as many of the family who were not canvassed years ago in connection with the preparation of the 1980 book, with particular reference to Hubbles. The Committee has set a tentative date of 1990 at which time it expects to be organized and prepared to commence work on a Supplement to the 1980 book. This will contain principally new family data, corrections, up-dated names and dates together with new photographs and biographies. The Committee is undecided still as to how much material from the 1980 book should or need be repeated in the Supplement. The Committee also plans to renumber later generations in order to accommodate the extensive new material and now "identified" generations in an orderly numbering system permitting easy access to all names appearing in the Supplement. The Committee will be happy to receive comments from anyone on this planning, and looks forward to the 1986 meeting when suggestions and advice will be enthusiastically received.

BOOKS . . .

There is a very good book you will surely wish to know about, called *A Country Year, Living the Questions* by Sue Hubbell (a89), telling of recent events in the life of a single woman living "on a peninsula between two rivers in the Ozark Mountains." The book has been widely reviewed and members have sent me clippings from local newspapers all extolling this interesting and fascinating narrative of "solitary country life on a farm just under 100 acres in area!" Among her many activities, Sue Hubbell keeps bees; back in 1972 Jean Larson (408liv.1) sent me a clipping from San Francisco describing ferocious honeybees on the march — with comments by Sue Hubbell. It's taken a long time to identify her, but her book has solved the puzzle. Sue lives in what appears to be well organized but slightly solitary splendor, visited by friends, relatives and animals with such names as Ky, Asher, Liddy, Tazzie, Xenas, Bil, Black Edith and Andy Beagle (where *do* these names come from, and who teaches

spelling?) Her wheels have even been named — "Press on Regardless". But there's no faulting a serious narrative! Sue Hubbell has a sharp eye for the offbeat as well as the important detail. To those of us living on the largely cemented-over, asphalt-paved acres of New England and New York, this is great reading. I say don't miss it! Published by Random House, 221 pages.

— H.B.H.

Society member Mrs. Flora Maull (1183) has prepared "Genealogical Notebook of Flora Davis Maull", 1985. This is a scholarly and well-written book which examines her Hubbell-related lines, including the Bishop family of Stamford Connecticut, and other lines mostly from the southern states. Interesting new research on the English background and origins of John Bishop of Stamford is included. Members sharing Mrs. Maull's

antecedents, wishing to know more about particular ones, may write her care of the Society to enquire whether they are included in her book. The book is for sale at \$25 by The East Tennessee Historical Society, 500 W. Church Avenue, Knoxville Tennessee 37902. 309 pages; meticulously indexed 53 pages.

1985 Financial Report

1984 Year-end Position

\$3,922.70

Receipts for 1985

Membership dues (37 contributing, 242 regular)	\$5,480.00
Gifts from members — cash	785.—
Gifts — sale of History and Index	150.—
Interest on savings account	384.93
Special donations at Des Moines meeting	455.—*
Total receipts for 1985	7,254.93
Total of 1984 year-end position and receipts for 1985	\$11,177.63

Expenditures in 1985

Printing — stationery and dues notices	\$ 208.51
Printing — Newsletter and Annual	2,628.10
Postal permit; Missouri tax return	61.—
Donations to White Hills Baptist Church, Shelton, Conn. and "Friends of Rock Church," Worcestershire, England	455.—*
Total expenditures in 1985	3,352.61

1985 Year-end Position

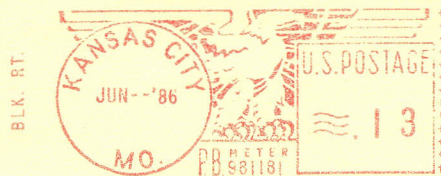
\$ 7,825.02**

*Some members made checks payable to the recipients, so that \$250 was received by each church.

**The Society continues to be subsidized for all of its office expenses including postage, printing and mailing done in Kansas City, by Ernest Hubbell. This is not expected to continue permanently. Also, we are anticipating significant printing expenses for planned Society publications.

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Finance Committee

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