

FAMILY NOTES

THE HUBBELL FAMILY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Incorporated in Missouri

Number 6

Summer 1987

1987 Biennial Reunion at Flagstaff and a visit to The Hubbell Trading Post at Ganado

"I came here thinking to meet strangers – and found a family!"

As we Hubbells gathered in the lobby of our motel Little America on Sunday morning to head homeward, these were words heard from one of the "first-timers" at a Hubbell Family Historical Society reunion.

In the middle of the 4-day gathering, we heard this from a young man from Grants, New Mexico: "Someone here has a picture of my grandfather! I've never seen him! Where can I find...? With a woosh he was off to seek the person who had that unique treasure. Finding any special Hubbell was to be a task because over 160 Hubbells and Hubbles assembled at Flagstaff May 26-30 for the family society's third biennial reunion. This was a record number over previous reunions. California boosted the figure by having more than 30 members present. In fact, the western Hubbells turned out in goodly numbers. George Kawaa and Vicki Hubbell again came the farthest – from Honolulu – and were accompanied by daughter Juliet Matteson and grand-daughter Marie Wassman. Canada was well represented too with Vice-President Beryl, husband Glen A. Hubbell and daughter Catharine Welsman – and a sizeable group of other Canadian family members. They came prepared to convince the Directors and everyone that the 1989 reunion should be in Canada. So, Kingston Ontario will be the destination of the Hubbell/le clan in 1989!

Everyone who arrived at Little America was thrilled to find this Ponderosa-pine, landscaped motel, nestled in the lower Rockies, cool as could be! Winding sidewalks around and over the gently sloping grounds were perfect for early morning jogging Hubbells. Thanks to Society President Leroy Hubble, who made several trips to Flagstaff with Mary to look over the situation before deciding where we would meet, we even had a block of rooms centered in one wing of the motel!

Early arrivals – most of the board members and their spouses – were treated to an evening outing at the summer home, "Coconino Castle", of Gene and Isabelle Hubble. Wednesday was registration day with folks arriving at Susie McDonald's desk to find lots of souvenirs – the Hubbell family history that was a sell-out, Hubbell-Flagstaff glasses, memorial plates bearing family coats-of-arms especially made

for the reunion, membership lists and a huge map of North America pockmarked with hundreds of colored pins. Mary, wife of our president Leroy Hubble, made this to mark where every member of the Society lives.

Just inside the meeting rooms where the welcoming reception was held, Harry Henry Hubbell of Garden Grove California displayed three beautiful stained glass coats-of-arms which he had made. Harry intends that proceeds from the sale of these very unusual items go to the Society. If you are interested to see these true works of art, write to the Society's Kansas City office and your letter will be forwarded to Harry.



We renewed friendships from Mantorville, Fairfield and Des Moines. It was particularly good to see that this reunion brought out many younger couples who like most everyone else enjoyed the familiar sight at the reception where families with their copy of the family book were busily collecting autographs and having fun meeting those members of the Society about whom they had read in the book. TV cameras from Flagstaff's station appeared to film us for their 10PM news program – they reported Flagstaff had been invaded by "hordes of Hubbells". The press coverage was excellent as a number of stories appeared, with pictures of our activities. Publicity chairman Shara Hubble Yednock and her helpers did a first-class job in letting everyone know about our special doings.

The Board had a long meeting to review two year's business, to discuss amending the society's by-laws by adding two classes of membership, and by approving the printing of

"Hubbell Pioneers" which Donald S. Hubbell has been working on for some years. Many members have contributed stories to this big collection.

Everyone was up early Thursday for a group breakfast (which we enjoyed on three consecutive mornings!), again exchanging family notes and getting more autographs. At the general family meeting that morning, we had an enlightening talk from 87-year old Dorothy Smith Hubbell. Her father-in-law, John Lorenzo Hubbell, founded the Hubbell Trading Post at Ganado, and for ten years after her own husband, Roman Hubbell, died, Dorothy ran the post (that talk gave us an inkling of what was ahead the next day when everyone boarded buses for the day-long trip to Ganado and back). We elected Robert Lamson Hubbell of Fall Church Virginia as President for the next two years. Hilbert R. Hubble who lives nearby in Maryland will be Vice-President so they will have an easy time working together.

The Hubbell Trading Post is a National Historic Site, designated in 1965, covering 160 acres. Started about 1878 by John Lorenzo Hubbell, it is the oldest continuously operating post on the Navajo Indian reservation. The post conducts business today much as it did when the Hubbells ran it 100 years ago. John Lorenzo died in 1930 and his son Roman took over. Brave Dorothy made the trip too, and then took us around the Trading Post, calling up many memories of her days there. We toured the home the family built behind the post, even a "hogan" where guests would have stayed. Dorothy pointed to the door that she had carved! It was a touching day with her. We'll forever be grateful to her as our memories lengthen of the trip to Ganado. Donald S. Hubbell of Mountain Home Arkansas lived at Ganado for some years. If you recall peeking in the window at the room with the two beds, the smallest bed was Donald's. Surprise visitors at Ganado were John Ellsworth and Sue Hubble from Keam's Canyon trading post. They sneaked away from work to meet "family". Of course, everyone came home with souvenirs and memories of seeing a Navajo woman weaving a rug, the Navajo singers and dancers whose entertainment had been arranged for us by Dorrance Hubbell and other Program Committee hard workers; and who was it climbed Hubbell Hill where John Lorenzo is



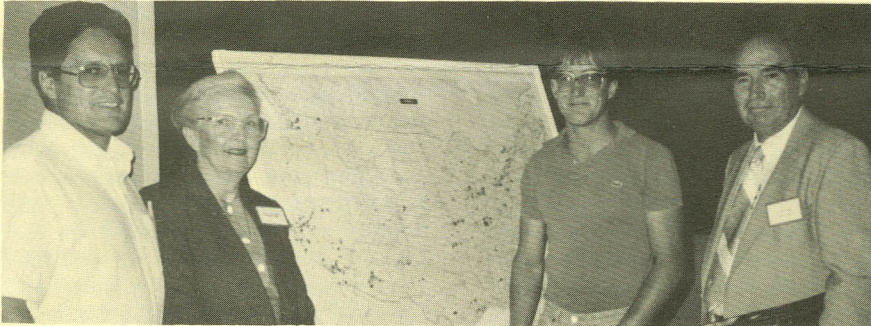
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The Hubbell Family Historical Society invites membership from decendants of Richard Hubball of England and New Haven Colony, Connecticut, from all persons interested in genealogy and family history and from organizations supporting such activities.

Annual dues:

Husband & wife, individuals	\$15
Contributing member	\$50
<i>Proud to be a Hubbell-Hubble</i>	\$200
Societies and libraries	\$10

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

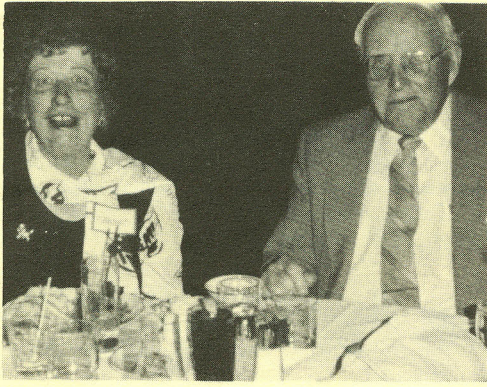
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WHO'S WHO IN THE PHOTOGRAPHS

front page: 4572. Dorothy Smith Hubbell. The saddle was given by President Theodore Roosevelt to the Hubbell Trading Post for his use when visiting.

- 1. 6182a. Laura, 4672. Rosella Hubbell Hansen
- 2. 5194. Robert Lamson and Betty
- 3. (3022). Homer and Mary Evelyn Hubbell
- 4. 6236. Ralph Donald, 7380. Mary, 7630. Gary David, 7380. Leroy
- 5. 6330. Glenn Allan, 7033. Jack Jerome.
- 6. 8631. Robyn Hubbell Saban and John.
- 7. 6567. Michael and Anne Hubbell Evanoff.
- 8. 7373. Leila Runyon, 7371. Firm.
- 9. 7806. Myrna Hubbell Kepford.
- 10. 4305. Jean and George Thomas.
- 11. 7384. Isabelle and Gene Burton.
- 12. 7925. Joan Hubbell Suess, 6567. Michael Evanoff, 6673. Harry Henry, 7926. Mary Hubbell Goldie, 8924. Wilson Glenn II.
- 13. 7235. Dorrance Sterling and Rosalyn.
- 14. (6369). Marie Elena Wassman.
- 15. 8637. Susan and John Ellsworth, 4572. Dorothy Smith Hubbell.
- 16. (375). Betty and Charles Potter.
- 17. a228i. Claudette Hubbell Gilbert, 5815. Donald Clayton.
- 18. (5334). Bernard and Eleanora Stone.
- 19. 5861. Marjory and Robert James, 5860. Mary Elizabeth Kimmell.
- 20. (a138i). Owen and Ruth Ryan.
- 21. 6330. Beryl K. Hubbell, 8098. Harold B., (Society Friend) Phyllis Hawley.
- 22. 7766. Ruth Hubbell Owens and John.

- 23. (3906). Agnes Janes and Dot Showalter, "Kansas cousins".
- 24. 6107. John Lorenzo III, 4572. Dorothy Smith Hubbell
- 25. a228. Adelaide, a228i. Claudette Hubbell Gilbert, a228. Claude.
- 26. a70. James Paul.
- 27. 4081iv.1. Jean Larson, 4081iv. Melva M. Larson, 6551. Margaret Hubbell Williams.
- 28. 8627. Carl Leroy and Beverly.
- 29. (3746). Fred and Carol Braithwaite, (3746). Janet Braithwaite Fletcher, (2275). Richard and Jane Heckler.
- 30. 7380. Leroy (retiring President, at ease).
- 31. 8098. Francine and Harold B., 6330. Glen A., 7699, Catherine Hubbell Welsman.
- 32. 7380. Mary, 6330. Beryl.
- 33. "Miss Hubbell" of Canada, (5423). Bernice Treleavan.
- 34. 5815. Madaline and Donald Clayton, 7211. Michael.
- 35. 5858. Jean and John Howard.
- 36. 8629. Shelly and Howell, 7371. Leon Eldon.
- 37. 6842. Betty Jean Hubbell Chambers, 7699. Catherine Hubbell Welsman, 6182a. Laura.
- 38. 7373. Robert Runyon?, (3045). Sidney Ann Hoag.
- 39. 6359i. Laurel, Jean and Lyle Peterson.
- 40. 6368. Juliet Hubbell Matteson, 4867. Vicki, (6369). Marie Wassman.
- 41. (2361i). Raymond Harry and Mable, (5518c). Ellie and Ed Singleton.
- 42. . . . among those present.
- 43. 5193. Clifton Howells.
- 44. 6480. Clarence Edgar.
- 45. 8853. David Lynn.



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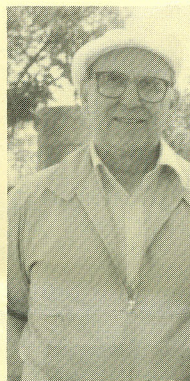
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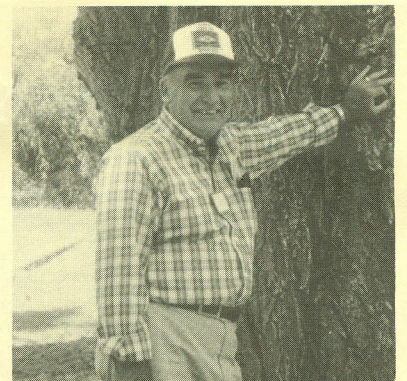
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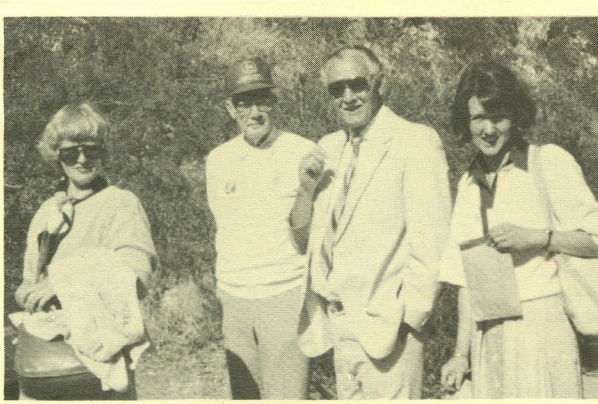
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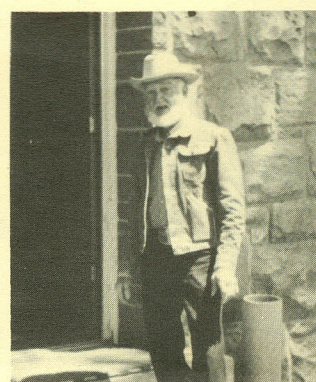
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buried?? We were lucky that a video tape of the Hubbell Trading Post was owned by Dorothy. She brought it to the reunion where we had a TV set up in our four-day hospitality room for repeated showings for those who attended. That hospitality room, incidentally, was Secretary Myrna Hubbell Kepford's idea and it proved highly successful!

Saturday was canyon trip day – the Grand Canyon, Oak Creek Canyon, Sand Creek Canyon – and some visited the Museum of Northern Arizona, the Petrified Forest, and/or Lowell Observatory. The only startling incident of our entire reunion occurred at the Grand Canyon when we temporarily "lost" one of the family, who later reappeared safe and sound!

As is our tradition, a banquet climaxed the reunion on Saturday evening. Everyone was decked out in finery for a picture of all 160-plus of us. An attractive program of activities prepared by Leroy was at each place. We are fortunate to have our own chaplains, so Jessie Hubbell Scaggs of Parker Kansas led us in the invocation and George Kawaa Hubbell offered the closing prayer. In between, President Leroy Hubble made all the introductions, announcements and greetings. Among other comments, Leroy lauded the early support from Ernest Hubbell of Kansas City Missouri who has been "headquarters" for the Society since its inception. Ernest gave office space for our records, has been the legal authority behind us, has given generously of his time and financial support and even lent us his personal secretary Susie McDonald for 6 years! This was Susie's last reunion, however, as she wants to go back to school to get a teacher's degree and then teach.

New President Robert Lamson Hubbell faces some big challenges in family "management", but at the banquet he emphasized the need for state representatives to locate every Hubbell and Hubble in every state for notice of the upcoming sale of "Hubbell Pioneers" and a planned supplement to the 1980 book, work on which is expected to start in 1991.

Harold B. Hubbell of Rowayton Connecticut commented on the steady progress and growth of the Society and the increasing interest shown by family members in the fellowship offered by our organization. Harold said he would like to reminisce at length about his many fond memories of contacts with members of the family, but there would never be enough time for it. He expressed his disappointment that Donald and Helen had not been able to attend this meeting. Many remarked also that they missed Rosemary and Leonard Wirkus of Miami Florida. Rosemary is a former Secretary of the Society. It seems that the day before the pair was to leave for Flagstaff Leonard became entangled in a ladder he had rigged against the house, and fell off! He was not seriously injured, but they couldn't travel. Harold commented on the proposed family tour to England, scheduled tentatively for June 1988. The itinerary is to cover all the important places in Worcestershire where our family has its English beginnings, including some days visiting sights in the area and meeting residents there who have expressed great interest in a Hubbell/le visit and want to take us to their homes for an English Sunday Dinner. The 10-day tour would also include stops at many famous places in England.

Dorothy Smith Hubbell and John Lorenzo Hubbell of Los Angeles took the rostrum for questions and answers about life at the Trading Post. Both gave some fascinating memories and recounted amusing anecdotes of life there. The program closed by Leroy's reading a letter from co-founder Donald, submitting his resignation as a Director of the Society, and expressing his surprise and delight with the way the Society has grown in these few short years. Beryl Hubbell presented Harold and him with lovely inscribed pewter tankards in memory of their work on the family book and in forming the family society. Leroy was also rewarded with a tankard for his hard work. En route home, Beryl and Glen carried along with the tankard, messages from the Society to Donald, with six pages

his work for the family, some newspaper clippings about the reunion and a family plate.

The Canadian contingent has invited everyone to Ontario on August 16, 1987 when Canadian Hubbells, Hubbles, Hubels, etc. have their annual picnic and reunion.

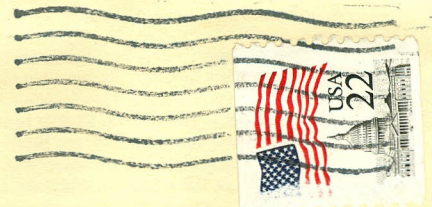
P.S. That young man from Grants *did* find the picture of his grandfather and he was thrilled! Now, he feels a true member of our "Family".

—M.J.

COOKBOOK... The Editors of the family cookbook have set a deadline for contributions of Hubbell/Hubble recipes! December 31 1987! Catherine Welsman and Elizabeth Hubbell ask you to please send your choicest items *by year end* to Mrs. Catherine H. Welsman, 37 Lemuel Street, Thamesville, Ontario NOP 2KO, Canada.

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