

# HUBBELL — HUBBLE — HUBBEL — HUBEL FAMILY NOTES

## THE HUBBELL FAMILY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Descendants of Richard Hubball, Immigrant to North America*

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### SCHEDULE FOR 1993 BIENNIAL

#### Park Plaza Hotel, New Haven, Connecticut

Tuesday, June 22 —	Evening Welcoming Reception Hospitality Room open with exhibits
Wednesday, June 23 —	Membership and Committee Meetings Optional activities in New Haven
Thursday, June 24 —	Bus trip to Guilford and Mystic Seaport
Friday, June 25 —	Membership and Committee Meetings Optional activities in New Haven
Saturday, June 26 —	Bus trip to White Hills and Bridgeport Banquet
Sunday, June 27 —	Family church service in White Hills

### NEW HAVEN OFFERS MUCH FOR BIENNIAL REUNION ATTENDEES

Society members attending the Biennial Reunion next June 22-27 in New Haven will find many places of interest within walking distance of the Park Plaza Hotel where all meetings and social events will take place and people will stay.

The reunion schedule is planned so that people will have time on Wednesday and Friday and in the evenings to enjoy visiting in the Society Hospitality Room at the Park Plaza or seeing nearby sights. Mary Kimmel and Jean McCabe will be at the hospitality table to advise on options.

The Park Plaza Hotel is located within a half block of the town green, which its rooms overlook. The Green was the market place when New Haven Colony was laid out in 1639. A map of New Haven in 1641 was printed on page 20 of the 1991 *Annual* of the Society. This map showed the lot of John Wakeman, uncle of our forebear Richard Hubball. It is likely Richard lived there too.

Four old New England style churches are on The Green. Yale University buildings border the west side of The Green. Walking tours are planned of the University, with a visit to the unusual Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library building.

Yale Art Gallery is three blocks from the hotel; the British American Art Gallery is across the street. Yale Repertory Theater is nearby and scheduled to have a production that week.

The New Haven Colony Historical Society is in the vicinity. It has fine displays and an excellent genealogical library. Program Committee Chair Jeanette LaMacchia says the Society may schedule a meeting there.

Between the hotel and Macy's department store is a small two level mall with specialty shops and cafeteria.

### GOLDIE CHAIRS MEMBERSHIP GROUP

Mary Hubbell Goldie of San Gabriel, California, is assuming the chairmanship of the Membership Committee of the Society. She has been a member of this committee. Mary succeeds Hack Jerome Hubbell of Springfield, Missouri.

Jack continues to make important contributions to the Society. He is a director of the Society and president of Hubbell Mechanical Supply Co., the address of which is the registered address of the Society. The supplies of the book *History & genealogy of the Hubbell Family* and Hubbell mugs are kept at this address and are shipped from there. Jack also serves on the Finance Committee and contributes genealogical information.

In March 1992 a mailing went to almost 5500 people to attract new members to the Society and obtain genealogical information on Hubbell/Hubbles for the forthcoming book *Additions & Revisions*. Jack paid for the mailing list and the data processing for this mailing.

Members wishing to serve on the Membership Committee are invited to contact Mary Goldie (phone: 818-289-7995) or President Clifton H. Hubbell (phone 708-969-4208).

### NO BULL, BUT IT'S WHITFIELD HOUSE

Richard Hubball's cow and his neighbor the Rev. Henry Whitfield's bull are long since gone, but Whitfield's house in Guilford, CT. is in excellent condition and will be visited by Society members on their way from New Haven to Mystic Seaport next June 24, 1993.



Whitfield House

The oldest stone house in New England, the Whitfield House is constructed in the architectural style of old England rather than a later "colonial" mode. The view shown above is from the rear of the house. The front is shown in a picture on page 4 of *Hubbell Pioneers*.



## DO YOU HAVE TROUBLE WITH SPELLING HUBBLE?

*Editor's note* - In the genealogical archives of Dr. Kenneth O. Hubble (738A) which came to the Society after his death, the following light-hearted article was found. Kenneth was the author of the Nebraska chapter of *Hubbell Pioneers* about the founder of the town of Hubbell, Nebraska.

Many times the spelling of the name HUBBLE is asked of its owner. The answer goes like this in a shortened version.

Our family tree line in America spelled the name HUBBELL like the other members. In the *History and Genealogy of the Hubbell Family* on page 210, our ancestor Sullivan Davis Hubbell, code number 707, had 10 known and identified children. As the *History* goes, Sullivan was self-educated and held several responsible offices and appointments.

His energy and drive for materialistic goals of success contributed somewhat to uneducated offspring. In the wilderness where they lived school did not exist. As soon as the children could do any physical labor, they were assigned adult tasks without time or exposure to education of formal type. None of his sons could read or write.

One of these sons, Stephen, was the present writer's great great grandfather, code number 1589 on page 331. When persons asked Stephen the spelling of his name the answer was "like it sounds". Phonetic spelling is the official term used in modern days. The phonetic spelling of Hubbell is HUBBLE, not HUB-BELL. The word bubble is pronounced BUB-BLE phonetically. When a person asks the present writer how the name is spelled, the answer is "the same as bubble but it starts with an H."

Anyway, Stephen's surname became spelled Hubble in legal documents in New York, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri and other sources. The spelling continues the same to this day. Not one descendant has entertained the idea of changing the spelling.

Although Stephen Hubble was uneducated, his grandchildren, nieces and nephews with few exceptions had professional occupations. His great great grandchildren are professional examples. The writer practiced medicine as a physician and surgeon for forty years. Although this writer has the privilege of using M.D. after his name and is entitled to be referred to as "doctor", he refuses the formality since medical retirement in 1978. As the reader

of this explanation well knows, the Hubbells are not one to "put on the dog" or take egotistical trips.

Last year (1981) the writer and wife spent several weeks in England. The majority of Hubbells in England spell their name Hubble and a few spell in Huble or Hubel. We were told in England that HUBBELL is a German spelling of the name. Many of our Canadian cousins spell the name Hubble, Hubel or Huble.

Our first ancestor, Richard Hubball, came to America and our name had an additional spelling. Again the Hubbell *History* confirms (legal will) that he signed his name with an X. Another example of lack of education. It can be concluded like a woman cousin of ours so states, "in Maryland we have always had plenty of education and we spell it HUBBLE."



(Following is an editorial reprinted from the February 3, 1992 issue of the Norwalk, CT newspaper *Hour*.)

## LIGHT FROM THE HUBBLE

The Hubble space telescope, having come to symbolize NASA's troubles getting things right, is redeeming itself.

Flawed in ways not discovered until after it was launched, it has nevertheless now produced data astronomers find intensely interesting. We have a bit of parochial interest in the Hubble; the optical telescope assembly was produced by Perkin-Elmer Corp. in its Danbury plant which was later sold off to Hughes Industries.

As usual, "interesting" means that the discoveries raise more questions than they answer. The Big Bang theory of the universe's origin stands up under the Hubble's findings, astronomers say — but they find hints that, contrary to some theorizing, the universe may never come to an end; never stupendously collapse upon itself.

One scientist waxed eloquent: "We're looking at the ashes of the Big Bang and trying to read the whole history of the universe."

It's good to hear of successes from this project, pilloried after the flaws were first discovered. So, nice going, Hubble — and keep up the good work.

## HUBBELLS ON MAP IN WORCESTERSHIRE

A recent brochure from Family History Tours, Inc. advertising a "Nexus" trip for the New England Historical Society shows a map of England with family surnames. Our name was shown in the area north of Worcester where the villages of Rock, Ribbesford, and Bewdley are located.



## FAMILY NOTES

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The Hubbell Family Historical 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.

### Annual Dues

(Payable in U.S. or Canadian dollars)

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

Membership-reunion meetings are held every two years. The next Biennial will be June 22-27, 1993 in New Haven, CT.

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## FAMILY CENTER BEING EXPLORED

What to do with Grandma Hubble's many pages of recollections about life in earlier days? What to do with the painting of Great-Grandfather Hubbell, the daguerreotype of Uncle Ebenezer and the scrapbook of Aunt Hephzibah? Even more important, where to preserve the genealogical records painstakingly compiled by Hubbell Family Historical Society volunteers so that they can be accessible to future researchers?

These concerns were discussed by the Society's Executive Committee when it met this spring. The ideal might be a Hubbell Center at a convenient site in the middle of the country where family records could be indexed for ready reference for descendants and researchers wanting to see old letters or photographs. Perhaps such a center might even have museum exhibits of memorabilia.

But such facilities would be expensive and exceed present Society capabilities. Therefore, the Executive Committee decided to explore the possibility of cooperative action with other societies of early Connecticut or New England families. It authorized Harold B. Hubbell to do this.

During the summer, Harold has had some preliminary meetings and correspondence with representatives of five other family societies: Bolles/Bowles, Curtis, Stiles, Strong, and Willard. Other societies may be approached. The hope is that practical ways can be devised to finance and operate a facility that would serve a number of families.

## MICHIGANDERS REUNE IN JULY

Seventy-three descendants of Fayette Stewart Hubbell (4293) and their descendants enjoyed a reunion July 26 in Rives Junction, Michigan.

Murriel Hubbell McGonegal of Jackson, Michigan, reports that her husband Ralph at age 85 was the oldest person present. Runners-up were Thelma Hubbell Manthie, 83, and Eva (Mrs. Milo) Hubbell, 79. Thelma is in Michigan during the summer and Florida in winter. Eva winters in Tennessee and North Carolina. Her great-grandson at age 4 months was the youngest one present.

Two couples came from Florida: Pauline and Fritz Ruppel and Don and Arwilda Cushman.

The reunion featured a white elephant sale which financed the rental of a church dining room and the sloppy joes, coffee and pop for the luncheon. Attendees each brought a "passing dish."

## SOCIETY ROLLS CONTINUE RISE

Your Society has steadily increased its membership, according to Corresponding Secretary Claire Hubbell Pierce.

At the time this issue of *Family Notes* went to print, 83 new memberships had been received in calendar 1992, including two contributing memberships and one new "Proud to be a Hubble" membership. With renewals, the total number of members had reached 489 compared with 460 in 1991. Many of these memberships cover married couples, so that the total number of people is considerably larger.

Dues received after October will be counted toward 1993 membership.

Claire suggests that members consider giving memberships as Christmas presents. People introduced to the Society in this way may well renew on their own another year.

## PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS

Auckland, New Zealand is the home of **Annette Green**, who recently became a member of the Society. Annette is a descendant of Ammon Hubbell (340), a Loyalist who settled in Canada. Ammon's daughter Ann married a James Briggs and their son Robert emigrated to New Zealand. The Society also has members in four other countries outside the United States and Canada--Aileen Hubbell (5544) in England, the Shelton Hubbells (7260) in Saudi Arabia, and Winifred Wirkus Subandi (6962i) in Indonesia, and Mr. and Mrs. Matthew D. Swanson with the Air Force in Germany.

**Rosemary Hubbell Wirkus** (6962) and her husband Leonard were away from their Miami, Florida home when Hurricane Andrew struck. They returned to find their trees down and nearly obscuring their house which suffered some damage to the roof. They had no water or electricity. Rosemary's father Willard was one of the early developers of Miami. Her grandfather Henry Salem Hubbell was an early resident of Miami Beach and one of the original regents of the University of Miami at Coral Gables (see *Hubbell Pioneers*).

Born: August 7- **Victoria Marie Hubbell**, daughter of **Matthew and Terri Hubbell** (7213) of Lakewood, Ohio and granddaughter of Donald C. and Madalene Hubbell of Parma, Ohio.

August 11- **Allison Hubbell**, daughter of **Greg and Karen Hubbell** (7702) of Albuquerque, New Mexico and granddaughter of Dr. Donald E. and Margaret Hubbell of Gates Mills, Ohio.

## DRUM CORPS WILL LEAD FAMILY WALK IN VILLAGE OF HUBBELL HOUSES

A fife and drum corps will feature the trip to see three important aspects of Hubbell/Hubble family history on Saturday, June 26, 1993 by Society members attending the Biennial Reunion in New Haven, Connecticut.

The Matatuck Fife and Drum Corps, established in 1767, will meet the visiting Hubbells in White Hills of Shelton, Ct. where Richard Hubbell's grandson Richard (17) settled in 1707. His numerous descendants built and lived in most of the houses in White Hills.

The Corps will play for the group before the little old Baptist Church for which Lucius Hubbell built the stone foundation in 1839. The carpentry was done by Lucius' cousin Grandison. Windows commemorate other Hubbells.

Among the many graves of family members in the churchyard are two prominent monuments. A 43-foot tower built by Lucius in his spare time is the tomb for Lucius and his wife. The other prominent monument has a statue of Francis Burritt Hubbell, brother of Lucius. In 1855 Francis went to Iowa with his son Frederick Marion. Francis returned to Connecticut but Frederick remained and became one of Iowa's most eminent citizens. A highlight of the 1985 Biennial was a visit to the Governor's mansion in Des Moines, formerly Frederick's home. Francis' picture is on page 30 of *Hubbell Pioneers*.

After the church visit, the fife and drum corps will lead the visiting Hubbell/Hubbles on foot two-fifths of a mile downhill to the Hubbell Farm at French's Corner for an *al fresco* lunch. At the farm, members of the Fifth Connecticut Regiment of Foot will set up a small encampment to demonstrate camp life in the Revolution.

In the afternoon the buses will go to Bridgeport. In an old cemetery there, the pilgrims will see Richard Hubbell's grave. The final stop in Bridgeport will be at the United Church of Christ where a plaque in the narthex lists "Richard Hubble, sen'r" and "Rich'd Hubble Jun'r" among the nine founders of the Congregational Church of Stratfield (now Bridgeport) in 1695. Church officers will show one of their treasures, the silver communion tankard given by Richard, Jr. in 1738.

The day will end with a banquet at the Park Plaza Hotel. In addition to entertainment and recognition of outstanding service, the banquet will feature the Yale astronomer, Prof. William Van Altena, who will tell about the latest findings from the Hubble Space Telescope.





## WALLACE HUBBLES WED 60 YEARS

Society members Wallace and Catherine Hubble of Cisne, Illinois, had a belated celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on June 6, 1992. The reception was delayed due to illness on their actual wedding anniversary, which was December 26, 1991.

A reception was given in the Cisne Community Center by their three children: Bernadine Obrecht (Mrs. William) of Cisne; Lucy Burgess (Mrs. Gene) of Flora, IL.; and Steve Hubble and his wife Judy of Flora.

The Hubbles have nine grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and two step-great grandchildren. Wallace and Catherine have both been active members of the Enterprise United Methodist Church and of the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. Wallace worked for Pure Oil Co. and has been a director of the Mt. Erie State Bank for 37 years.

Catherine's recipe for Cereal Cookies which "are a delicious crisp cookie and will keep a long time" is on page 221 of *Family Fare*, the Society's cookbook.

## ANECDOTES WANTED ON CARL HUBBELL

The *New York Times Book Preview* of August 9, 1992 contained the following notice:

*"For a book on the New York Giants pitcher Carl Hubbell (1903-1968), I would appreciate receiving information from his associates, friends and fans who have anecdotes, memorabilia, clippings or letters,"*

Todd Hubble  
606 Morgan Road  
Everett, Wash. 98203

Todd Hubble is a full-time newspaper sports correspondent who has been working on this book for several years. He telephoned Bob Hubbell when he was Society president. Bob referred him to the book *Hubbell Pioneers* which tells about Carl's forebears settling Oklahoma. His father Owen was a noted sandlot catcher and his sister was an outstanding player. Three of Carl's brothers were also professional baseball pitchers.

## KENTUCKY REUNION TRACES 160 YEARS

Rose Mary McClure Carratt reports that descendants of Eliza Margaret Hubbell and John Shields McClure, who were married 160 years ago, had a pot-luck lunch at the REA Building in Danville, Kentucky, on June 14, 1992.

Eliza Margaret (1196) was born in Pulaski County, Kentucky, on April 28, 1813-5. She married John McClure on January 5, 1832 and they had 12 children. A book about their descendants was prepared by Ella Taylor and published in 1950. It was announced at the reunion that George Riggins of Long Beach, California, is working on a supplement.

Events at the reunion included presentations by children under age 13 about where they fit in the family tree and by teen agers on what a family reunion means to them. Jeannie Oldham of Lexington, Ky., is starting an oral history using a Camcorder.

Users of *Family Fare*, the Society's cookbook, will recognize the name Rose Mary Carratt, whose recipes for Spinach Bake, Strawberry Salad, Chicken Casserole, Orange Cake, Turtle Cake, and Creme de Menthe Pie appear on pages 33, 45, 89, 147, 164, and 177.





## 43rd NEHEMIAH HUBBLE REUNION

Nearly 200 people attended the forty-third annual reunion of the Nehemiah Hubble Family Heritage Association at the zoo in Peterborough, Ontario, August 23. Registration was by families and 40 had members of three generations present. About 40 names were added to a signature quilt.

Competition for the Miss Hubble awards was unusually keen. The senior winner was Miss Campbell of Kingston and the junior was Miss Huble of Nappanee. Both girls plan to attend the Biennial Reunion next June 22-27 in New Haven.

President Albert Hubble announced that next year's reunion will return to the site of the first one held in 1950 on Zwick's Island at Belleville. It will be Sunday, August 22.



## HUBBLE RANCH BUYS PRIZE BULL

Hope, Arkansas has been in the news as the former home of Governor Bill Clinton. Now notice has come that Hapi-Gro Beefmasters of Hope held their annual spring sale on May 2, 1992 at which Carl Hubble of Hubble Beefmasters in Bellville, Texas, purchased Cotton Blend, a Tall Cotton son out of a Royal Flush daughter, for \$30,000.

## PHOTOS FOR NEW FAMILY BOOK

The genealogy Committee continues to receive and accept photographs from Society members for publication next year in *Additions and Revisions to the 1980 History & Genealogy of the Hubbell Family*.

Some have sent pictures of family groups, which are an attractive variation of regular portraits. Many members have also sent duplicate prints of their earlier antecedents which are of significant interest.

Such duplicates can easily be made on the better photo-copying machines which now have a special button or setting for copying photographs. These copies are invariably good quality and reproduce shading and contrast very well. Conventional copying renders only black and white in a way not suitable for printing in the new book. These new machines appear in various readily accessible places. Harold B. Hubbell's is in his neighborhood hardware store.

Send your photographs--of self, family, ancestors-- to Harold at 16 Roton Avenue, Rowayton, CT 06853-1534.

The Genealogy Committee expects to complete its research activities by the end of the year. Coordinators Harold B. Hubbell and R. Leroy Hubble met for several days in May to review status of all projects and to plan format of the new book.

Energetic participation in Massachusetts by Marjorie Gibson and Betsy Dakin and in Indiana by Dick Durbin has yielded much new material.

It is anticipated that most of 1993 will be devoted to preparing copy for the printer and doing the subsequent vital proofreading of the text. Barring the unexpected, the Coordinators hope the new book will be ready for mailing in 1994.

## CITIZEN AWARD TO HAROLD AND KAREN

Harold George Hubbell (8359) and his wife Karen of Greeneville, TN, received the community Citizen Award on April 18, for their work as host coordinators of the United Volunteer Self-Help and Resource Agency (SHARE). The award was presented by the Wesley's Chapel Grange.

For each SHARE package of food, recipients do two hours of community service. Harold and Karen are members of the Mountain Valley Church of the Brethren, which serves as the host organization for SHARE in the area.

Harold and Karen also store supplies of *Family Fare Pioneers* for the Society and mail books as they are ordered.

## CHRISTMAS PRESENT ORDER FORM

Please send the following items to the address on the back of this form:

1986 reprint of 1980 *History & Genealogy of the Hubbell Family*

\_\_\_\_\_ books @ \$60 US, \$69 Canadian

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Hubbell Pioneers*, \_\_\_\_\_ books @ \$48 US, \$55 Canadian

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Family Fare*, \_\_\_\_\_ books @ \$16 US, \$18 Canadian

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Commemorative Plate on Hubble Telescope Launch*

\_\_\_\_\_ plates @ \$15 US, \$18.50 Canadian

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Hubbell Mug*, \_\_\_\_\_ mugs @ \$5 US, \$6 Canadian

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **H.F.H.S.**

Mail check and this form to:

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## HARRY HUBBELL RECEIVED NASA COMMENDATION

Society member Harry Henry Hubbell of Garden Grove, California, who died July 30 after an extended struggle with cancer, had been the recipient of a special letter of commendation from the National Aviation and Space Agency which was signed by all the astronauts up to that time.

The letter expressed gratitude for the discovery Harry had made of a potentially disastrous flaw in the outer skin of launching rockets while he was employed at Lockheed. The text of the letter and names of the signing astronauts will be published in the forthcoming *Additions and Revisions* to the 1980 *History & Genealogy of the Hubbell Family*.

Members who attended the Biennial in Flagstaff in 1987 will recall that Harry displayed there several large stained glass versions of Hubbell coast-of-arms which he had made. He attended the reunion in Honolulu in 1991.

## DOWN TO THE SEA IN SHIPS



*Mystic Seaport*

Many Hubbell/Hubbles must have thought of these verses from the 107th Psalm as they sailed from New England ports in previous centuries. The book *Hubbell Pioneers* remarks on page 27 that there is no shortage of family sailors. *Pioneers* tells about some of these in the Connecticut chapter and also in the chapters on South Carolina, New York, Louisiana, and Hawaii.

*"They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep."*

In recognition of this heritage, people who attend the 1993 Biennial Reunion will go on Thursday, June 27, 1993 from New Haven to Mystic Seaport, the famous "outdoor" museum with an excellent collection of old sailing ships that can be boarded. Mystic also has many old houses and shops with operating crafts. Scholars who want to check the logs and other records of ships commanded by Hubbells may go the library in Mystic Seaport and get special permission.

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