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Descendants of Richard Hubball, Immigrant to North America

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BLAME IT ON THE COMPUTER

The lead article in the spring issue of *Family Notes* reported that computers would simplify printing the Society's forthcoming genealogy and biography volume *Additions & Revisions to the History & Genealogy of the Hubbell Family*.

Then last month letters went to all members explaining that delivery had been delayed from summer until November. The letter offered no explanation except that "as might be anticipated, delays have occurred."

These days computers are often used as excuses. In this case, it is partly true. Apparently, when diskettes from Harold Hubbell's word processor were converted to diskettes which could serve for typesetting, the distinctions between regular type, italics, and bold face got lost. This meant that much proofreading, resetting of type, and then reproofing were required.

Another reason for a longer time is that the book is bigger than first expected by at least 100 pages. This also increases the work of indexing. And who knows, maybe the printer has been slow?

As the letter pointed out, members who have sent in pre-publication orders can rest assured that they will get delivery, albeit later than expected. And other members now have a bonus time to order books at the pre-publication price of \$40 U.S. or \$54 Canadian. An order form is on Page 8.

OUR VISIT TO TEN PLACES IN ENGLAND WITH HUBBELL TIES—EXCERPTS FROM A DIARY

By Jean E. Hubbell Peterson



The Hubbell tour at side door of St. Peter's Church, Ipsley. From left to right: Cliff & Esther Hubbell, Barbara Dawes, Joan Bowden, Bob & Betty Hubbell, Lorraine Ashford, Carol Boggs, Francine & Harold Hubbell, Mark Hubbell, Jean & Lyle Peterson, Donald Hubbell, Guide Tim Kelly.

On Monday, May 30, 1994, 14 Hubbell descendants and spouses departed from eight locations in North America and met the next morning at Heathrow Airport in England. There we were greeted by our Tour Guide, Tim Kelly, who for the next 10 days would show us the land of our common ancestors, Richard and Sarah Wakeman Hubball.

When Tim escorted Lyle and me to a waiting bus, only Cliff and Esther Hubbell from Downers Grove, Illinois and Carol Hubbell Boggs from Chapel Hill, North

Carolina, were already on the coach. Within the next hour Harold and Francine Hubbell of Rowayton, Connecticut; Donald Clayton Hubbell of Parma, Ohio, and his son Mark of Westlake, Ohio; Lorraine Ashland of Moscow, Idaho; Bob L. and Betty Hubbell of Winchester, Virginia; Joan Hubbell Bowden of Toronto, Ontario; and Barbara Dawes of Richmond Hill, Ontario, completed our group.

Tim and driver Ray took us via a scenic route through Oxford to Stratford-upon-Avon, whose sister cities include Stratfords in Ontario and Connecticut. Our immigrant ancestor Richard eventually settled at Stratfield, Connecticut between Stratford and Fairfield.

Ipsley Law Courts

Wednesday morning, June 1, Tim drove us to Ipsley near Redditch where the Law Society occupies the land and buildings which belonged to the Huband family for more than seven centuries. Harold, our family historian, is of the opinion that the Hubball family is connected with the Hubands, whose name evolved through such variations as Hughband, Huband, Hubaud, Hubold and Hubald.

Sue Cooper, business manager of the Law Society, served us tea in a former hay-loft and shared some of the history of the property, after showing us around the

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAKES SEVERAL FINANCIAL DECISIONS

The Society Executive Committee held an all day meeting at the Hubbell Center in Des Moines on Saturday, September 10.

Four members of the Executive Committee attended. They were President Clifton H. Hubbell, Vice President Hilbert R. Hubble, Treasurer Donald C. Hubbell and Genealogist Harold B. Hubbell. Bernice Treleaven was unable to attend. Also present were Myrna Hubbell Kepford, Chair of the History and Biography Committee, and Jean Hubbell Peterson, a Director of Hubbell Center.

The Committee reviewed and confirmed actions of the Hubbell Center Committee to become a separate corporation which can seek eligibility to receive tax deductible gifts. (See article on page 10.) The corporation replaces the Center Committee and reference to the Center Committee was deleted from the Society bylaws. The Executive Committee authorized the transfer of \$1,000 of Society funds to the Center corporation in addition to the \$2,500 of gifts which have been received for the Center.

Purchase of liability and property insurance for the Society was approved. This covers property such as documents and sale items anywhere, including the Des Moines Center, the

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restored Elizabethan buildings. These had been the farm manager's residence and the barn; the Huband manor house was long ago destroyed by fire. (See Photo #1 Page 3.) The latest remodeling project was begun about 1968; the Society has occupied it since 1988.

St. Peter's Church

The Court is adjacent to St. Peter's Church, associated with Huband family members for nearly a thousand years. The chancel dates from around 1100; the nave from 1346. The septagonal font was used to baptize Hubands since 1100. They used to dip the baby right in it. An assembly room in the new Parish Hall is called the Huband room.

Tevery, son of Ralph and Anne Hubande, gave to the church a silver porringer inherited from his mother which was used as a chalice from 1660-1978. (See Photo #2 on Page 3.)

The church had a booklet entitled *The Hubands of Ipsley and their association with St. Peter's Church*. Holdings of Hugh were described in the Domesday Book in 1086; Hugh was "living in 1140"; and Hugh Hubold, his son. . . "held the Manor of Ipsley in 1189."

We viewed the tombs of Nicholas and Dorothy Huband (1553 and 1558) on the north side of the chancel. Their likenesses are carved in alabaster, with miniature representations of their 15 children. A Huband mortuary chapel below the chancel was declared unsafe 100 years ago. There are more tombs under the aisle. Only "important" people were buried inside the church. Others were buried outside in the churchyard.

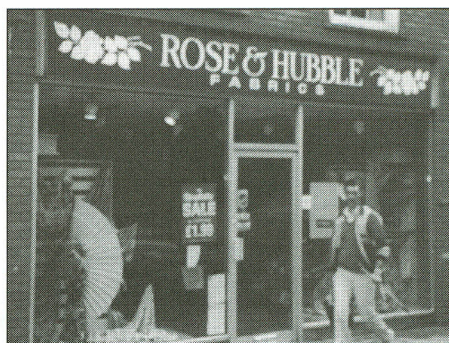
Coughton Court

From Ipsley, Ray took us to Coughton Court, the manor house of the Roman Catholic Throckmorton family. Mary Throckmorton married Sir John Huband, son (and successor) of Nicholas and Dorothy. Coughton Court is a well-preserved and furnished Tudor manor, now property of the National Trust. (See Photo #3 on Page 3.)

Rock Parish records

On Friday, June 3, we moved our baggage from Stratford-upon-Avon to Worcester, where we met with Robin Whitaker, Deputy Director of the Records Office, located in what was formerly St. Helen's Church.

Mr. Whitaker showed us a volume of the Register for the Parish of Rock, which starts with 1548 and goes to 1654. (See Photo #4 on Page 3.) This volume has a new binding on the original parchment (sheepskin). Entries in 1609 were signed by a Richard Hubball, Church Warden. The Church Warden was the overseer of the



Street scene in Worcester, England. The family name persists!

poor, including placement of orphans, burying the indigent dead and was responsible for road conditions, etc.

Right Worshipful Mayor

We met the Right Worshipful Mayor of Worcester, Robert Inight. (See Photo #5 on Page 3.) He is a tall, amiable gentleman who showed us around the Guild Hall (City Hall) before taking us to his own office, where we were served tea and cookies (biscuits).

Mayor Inight robed Harold Hubbell in the traditional garments of his office (see Photo #6 on Page 3): red and black cloak with blue silk sleeve linings, lace ruffle jabot and cuffs, cockaded hat and a heavy gold chain with jeweled pendant; then handed Harold the silver mace and sword of office. There is also a gold and amethyst necklace for the Lady Mayoress, which he placed on Francine. It was set off beautifully by the royal blue suit she was wearing.

Biddesford Parish Register

Later Archivist Robin Whitaker came to dinner with us at the hotel. After dinner, he spoke to us about life at the time our ancestors lived here and described his work as putting flesh on the past. As a bonus, he brought along the Ribbesford Parish Register (see Photo #7 on Page 3) for the 1620's, which had not be available during the afternoon. There we viewed the entries:

Weddings

April 31, 1621—Richard Hubball m. Sarah Wakeman

Births

January 22, 1625/6—Richard the sonne of Peter Hubball & Joane. This apparently is an erroneous listing of the parents' names, referring to the birth of Richard, son of Richard and Sarah Hubball. Mr. Whitaker also suggested that some of the records for the parishes of Bewdley and Ribbesford may be kept in Hereford county.

Richard's Castle

Our first stop on Saturday morning's coach tour of Hubbell sites was at the ruins of Richard's Castle in a village of that name. (See Photo # 8 on Page 3.) Nothing is left of the castle but one section of wall and an overgrown moat, but the nearby Norman church remains mostly intact. Inside, we purchased a descriptive booklet

St. Bartholomew's Church and Richard's Castle, which tells us that the name comes from Richard le Scrob, a Norman noble. He was a feudal overlord of the Hubands.

Cleobury Mortimer

From Richard's Castle, Ray maneuvered the coach skillfully out of a precarious hillside roadway and took us to the nearby village of Cleobury Mortimer. Harold knew that Hubballs had once lived in this town. He had not been able to make a connection to our family, but felt there must be one.

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin had removed the normal posters from their bulletin board at the entrance to the church and replaced these with a large banner welcoming the Hubbells. Underneath were enlarged photocopies of several entries from the parish records regarding vital data for Hubballs through the centuries. Each copied entry was accompanied by a neatly typed translation of the original olde English into modern English.

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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 member50
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Membership-reunion meetings are held every two years. The next Biennial will be in Folsom, California on August 15-20, 1995.

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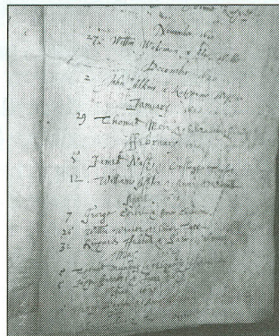
#1: The restored Elizabethan barn of Huband Manor, Ipsley, now offices of the Law Society. Carol Hubbell Boggs is in foreground.



#2: Interior of St. Peter's Church, Ipsley. Huband baptismal font at left under flowers.



#3: Coughton Court, Warwickshire



#4: Register of Rock Parish — Richard Hubball's name is fourth entry from bottom.



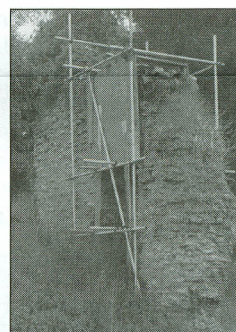
#5: Mayor Robert Inight with Betty Hubbell before Guild Hall in Worcester.



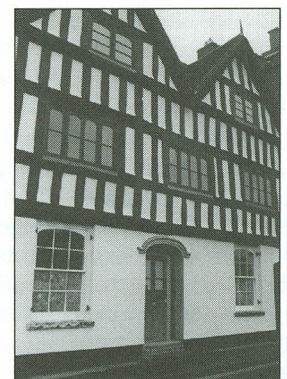
#6: Harold B. Hubbell, Jr. in the regalia of the Right Worshipful Mayor of Worcester, June 3, 1994.



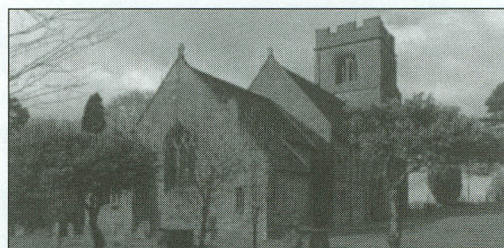
#7: Worcester Archivist Robin Whitaker shows Biddesford Parish Register. With him are Clifton and Harold Hubbell.



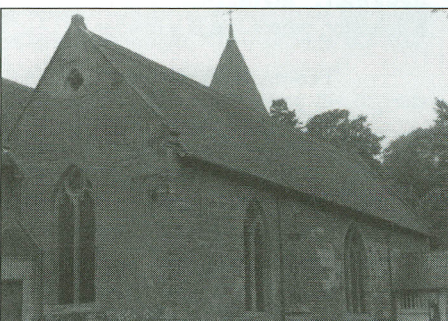
#8: Ruins of a wall of Richard's Castle in Herefordshire.



#9: Half-timbered house in Bewdley, perhaps the Wakeman house.



#11: Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Rock, England.



#10: St. Leonard's Church in Ribbesford near Bewdley



#12: Residence which once was for the church rector, opposite Rock Church.



#13: Yeoman Warder Joe Hubble at Tower of London

PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS

Christopher Boggs, son of Society member Carol Hubbell Boggs, graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design in May and is now working in the computer design aspects of videography. His brother Adrian has been attending the same college. Adrian started basic training in the Marine Corps on June 1. After basic training, he will go into the reserves and return to college. * * *

Briquet Hansen Nilsson, daughter of Society member Dr. Peter Hansen, is working for the International Pacific Halibut Commission, a joint Canadian-U.S. agency which regulates halibut fisheries. Briquet had majored in oceanography and chemistry at the University of Washington. She and others aboard the ship "Thor" patrol the Gulf of Alaska and near Kodiak Island getting information on the number, condition and migration of halibut. They record the length, sex and age of each halibut they catch. * * *

John and Marcia Hubbell Bachman are active volunteers at the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary near Kempton, Pennsylvania. Fall is the busy season as the annual migration south of raptors (birds of prey) occurs. John is an expert counter who can recognize the various kinds of hawks and eagles from considerable distance. Marcia trains groups of visiting school children. * * *

Lyle and Jean Hubbell Peterson visited Lyle's relatives in Denmark and Norway after the Hubbell tour in England and then joined the Dubuque, Iowa, Chorale for concerts in Cilcain, Wales and Bristol, Bournemouth and London, England. * * *

Michael Hubbell, son of Society members Donald and Madalene Hubbell, married Glenna Connelly in York, South Carolina, on June 25, 1994. They are living in Gastonia, North Carolina. * * *

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A representative of the local historical society gave us a history of the church, which now includes the parish once served by St. Bartholomew's at Richard's Castle. We were given the documents that had been prepared for us, which Cliff later mailed to the Hubbell Center in Des Moines.

Bewdley

We then went to the town of Bewdley, where the Wakeman family lived. By the time most of us had finished eating lunch, it was drizzling rain again. We hurried down to the bridge over the Severn River to see the scene depicted in the painting Harvey Hubbell IV had commissioned. Most of the buildings now are modern but a handsome half-timbered old house may have been the birthplace of Richard Hubbell's mother Sarah Wakeman. (See Photo # 9 on Page 3.)

We noted that there is an apartment building called Tannery House along that Venice-like street. (John Wakeman had a tannery but the apartment is in a restored tannery of this century.) Donald had stopped in a shop where he chanced to meet John Instance, the artist whom Harvey had commissioned.

We boarded a steam train at Bewdley for a short ride along the river. Ray met us at Hampton and again maneuvered skillfully out of a postage stamp parking area, then drove us along some very narrow country roads to St. Leonard's Church at Ribbesford.

Ribbesford Church

This church was built originally by the Normans about 1100. The interior architecture is dissimilar on two sides, not symmetrical as in most churches. Much of the original was destroyed by a storm in June 1877. Harold assured us that he had found no Hubbell names on the stones in the churchyard, but some of us couldn't resist a quick walk through it anyway. (See Photo # 10 on Page 3.)

We went back to the hotel in Worcester where we freshened up before riding out to the new Heightington Community Center for a pig roast provided for us by the Friends of Rock Church. The women had brought salads and dessert "trifles" to supplement the roast pig. Nearly 100 people attended. We had plenty of time to make new friends. Young dancers entertained us and Carol won a painting of Rock Church in a benefit raffle—a fitting souvenir!

Rock Church

Sunday morning dawned sunny. At 8:45 we were on the coach heading again into the countryside to attend 9:30 worship at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Rock. The minister announced each part of the service as we went along so we non-Anglican visitors could find our way about in the Book of Common Prayer. (See Photos #11 and #12 on Page 3.)

In addition to Canadian and American visitors and the 50th anniversary of D-Day, the parish observed the 80th birthday of its historian Robert Thompson, who has been of considerable assistance to Harold in researching our English roots.

5-COLOR ENAMEL STICK PIN HAS SOCIETY SEAL

A beautiful enamel pin suitable for wearing on a lapel, dress or blouse is now available to members for \$4.50 U.S. or \$6.25 Canadian. It fastens with a stick pin. Now is your chance to get a "stocking stuffer" Christmas present for all your family members! (Order blank on Page 8.)

The colors are gold, dark blue, white, light blue and red, listed in the order of their prominence.

The reproduction of the seal shown here is the exact size of the pin. The basic oval shape is 7/8 by 1-1/8 inches, with the globe at the top and the leopard heads as the sides extending another 1/8 inch.



After coffee, Anna Makepeace took some of us up the winding staircase to the top of the bell tower to see the view from each compass point. She pointed out the flag had been put up in honor of our visit. (See separate article on Page 6 about the Society gift to the church.)

We were hosted for luncheon at the homes of various members of the parish. Joan Bowden, Lyle and I visited with John and Sheila Nott, his mother, and their son-in-law at the "Hill Farm" (John is President of the Friends of Rock Church.) Their lovely house and farm buildings are on top of a ridge from which one can see for miles.

Their son-in-law David told us there is a Hubbell Lecture Hall at the University in Rochester, New York. David is completing studies at Oxford while his wife, the Notts' daughter, maintains their home in Rochester, where she is a lawyer.

Yeoman Warder Hubble

Wednesday June 8 was our day of guided sightseeing in London with Tim. He took us first to the Tower of London, where we met the amiable Yeoman Warder Joe Hubble, in full uniform. Joe visited with us for quite a while. He and Tim told about the executions that took place at the Tower. You couldn't be "just anyone" to be executed there—you had to be "somebody" important, like a Queen or a statesman. (See Photo # 13 on Page 3.)

BERYL HUBBELL, SOCIETY FOUNDER & OFFICER, DIES

Beryl Catherine Ada (Kirkwood) Hubbell, who was known by many Society members for her telephone calls and cards of congratulations, sympathy and best wishes, died on June 8, 1994 at the hospital in Chatham, Ontario, of cancer.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland on August 21, 1929, Beryl married Glen A. Hubbell on May 25, 1949 and they have lived in Thamesville, Ontario, since that time. She often said that since she had no family of her own in North America, she wanted to know more of Glen's family, both close and distant relatives. Many enjoyed her hospitality.

Glen (and Beryl) were patrons of the *1980 History and Genealogy of the Hubbell Family*. They attended the organizing meeting of the Society at Hubbell House in Mantorville, Minnesota on September 15, 1981 and Beryl became a member of the first Board of Directors. She continued to serve as a director until June 25, 1993 when she and six others rotated off in accordance with new bylaws adopted two years earlier.



Beryl Hubbell on 1988 Society tour to England.

Beryl was an original member of the Genealogy Committee in 1983 and did much research over the years that will be reflected in the new *Additions & Revisions* volume to be issued this fall. She played a leading role in straightening out the two Nehemiah Hubbell/Hubbles.

Her chapter on Canada for the book *Hubbell Pioneers* was the equivalent of three other chapters, with sections on Southwestern, Central, and Eastern Ontario. Beryl also checked the entire manuscript of the book for historical and genealogical accuracy.

In addition to being a Director, Beryl served a term as Vice-President of the Society and a term as Corresponding Secretary. She was a member of the Executive Committee under two Presidents and refused a nomination as President. She was always available to consult with presidents on the telephone.

In Thamesville, preparation of the Society cookbook *Family Fare* was a family enterprise. Beryl's daughter Catherine Welsman and daughter-in-law Betty (Mrs. Allan John A.) Hubbell were the editors and Beryl worked closely with them.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Palliative Care Unit of the Public General Hospital of Chatham, 106 Emma Street, Chatham, Ontario N7M 1A8.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF ENGLAND

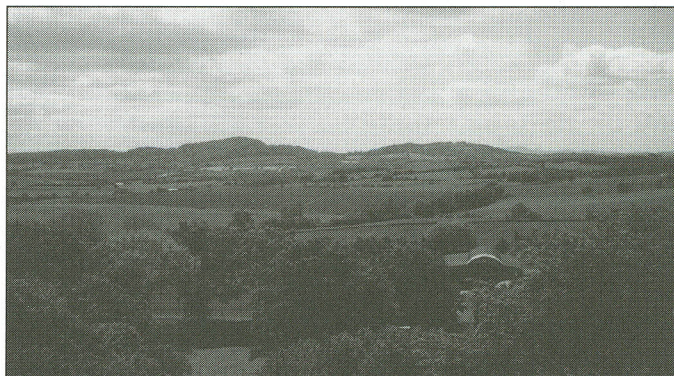
By Carol Hubbell Boggs

Although I had wanted to travel all my life, especially to England, I had never had the opportunity until the Hubbell trip came about, and I had a sense of coming home about the whole experience.

Every vista, every image, had a sense of the familiar, whether it was the ruddy cheeks and fair complexions of the people, or the endless green rolling hills dotted with sheep and the stone houses which grew out of the ground everywhere. My grandmother had always talked about the lovely gardens and flowers everywhere, and the thrill of going to the shore and to Wales on holiday. When I saw the hills of northern Wales from the hotel in Chester I thought, "This is what she saw, it's what she was telling me about!"

Sitting in a pub listening to the accents of the local people brought back a rush of great aunts, uncles and grandparents who spoke with the same lilting tongue. I realized then that I wasn't just a Hubbell or Wakeman or Meigs but also a White, Ward, Rogers and who knows how many other layers of Englishwoman.

On Saturday night at the Community Center when the people of Rock invited us to a pig roast, winning a lottery for a water-



View from tower of Rock Church

color of the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul at Rock confirmed the feeling that I belonged there. The warmth and purpose of the people who are the Friends of Rock Church was unmistakable. The Community Center is on the spot where a Guild Hall stood for centuries until it finally fell down. The view is a vast expanse of rolling hills.

John Nott, president of the Friends, made us feel welcome with his speech before the evening's festivities began. He touched on the bond between the English residents and their American cousins which was nowhere more poignant than the 50th anniversary of D-Day which would be commemorated in two days.

Sunday morning after services, my sec-

ond cousin Lorraine Ashland and I toured the church with its Norman door and climbed its 16th century tower to view the countryside.

Then we were picked up by Paul Wilding-Davies to have dinner with his wife Hazel and mother Jane at the Manor House, which looked much as it must have hundreds of years ago when it was listed in the Domesday Book of 1086. Paul and Hazel had lived three years in a caravan behind the house while local artisans meticulously dissembled the house, marked each piece and then rebuilt it. All vestiges of Victorian changes in the roof and upstairs were removed and it was restored in the original character and line. A brick terrace around the house was bordered by the epitome of an English garden, half designed and tended by Hazel and half by Jane when they were not busy with the Welsh ponies they raise.

The trip lived up to everything Lorraine convinced me it would when she talked me into going on a phone call from her home in Moscow, Idaho. Will there be another trip to visit our "family" in Rock? Will I be among those who go? It wouldn't surprise me at all.

SOCIETY GIVES OVER \$600 TO ROCK CHURCH

After the special service on June 5, 1994 for visiting Society members at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Rock, England, Society President Clifton H. Hubbell presented a check for over £400 (\$600) to John Nott, President of the Friends of Rock Church.

The money will be used for further restoration work on the church where Richard Hubbell's father was once a warden. The church has an 11th century door, a 12th century nave, 15th century chancel and 16th century tower, so it was all in place when our immigrant ancestor was a boy there. An ancestor of John Nott, also named John, was also a warden at the time of the Hubbells.

At Rock Church, the Hubbell visitors saw the restored west window to which the Society had contributed earlier, a plaque citing our assistance and a horse chestnut tree which was recently planted to commemorate the visit of Society members in 1988.

On behalf of the Friends of Rock Church, Barbara Makepeace wrote Clifton, "We all think it was a very generous ges-

ture for us to have been presented with your cheque towards our restoration fund. You know it will be put to very good use—we cannot let such a beautiful old church get into disrepair. . . I keep telling everybody this (Rock) is your little corner of England.

We wish we could turn the clock back and see just how things were in Richard Hubbell's day."

Cliff's response said, "We were moved by the service in Rock Church. As you mentioned, this is our little corner of England. We feel right at home there not only because Richard came from that area but also because we feel we are among friends. . . The donation came not only from those on the tour but also from interested family members throughout Canada and the United States. Many Hubbells

have a special attachment to Rock Church." (Contributions were made at the Biennial Reunion in 1993 and subsequently).

In the church service, a lesson was read by Robert Hubbell and Joan Hubbell Bowden carried the communion elements to the altar. The sermon dealt with historical heritage.



Horse chestnut tree recently planted in yard of Rock Church to commemorate the 1988 Hubbell/Hubble tour.

FIRST BIOGRAPHY ON EDWIN HUBBELL ISSUED IN 1993

Two Russian astronomers have written the only biography of the astronomer Edwin Powell Hubble issued to date. An English translation of their book *Edwin Hubble, the Discoverer of the Big Bang Universe* was issued in 1993 by the Cambridge University Press.

The 187-page book by Alexander Sharov and Igor Novikov was written in 1989 before the launch of the Hubble Space Telescope. However, it provides a good background for understanding reports about what the Hubble is finding because it tells of advances in astronomy since Hubble's time, present work by astronomers and plans for future studies.

The book quotes astronomers about the importance of Hubble's work. Alan Sandage, one of the few remaining astronomers who worked with Edwin, says, "There is no question that he was the greatest observational astronomer since Copernicus. The three enormously important things he did were: he discovered galaxies, he showed that they were characteristic of the large-scale universe, and then he found the expansion. Any of these is monumental and would secure his place in history."

Astronomer N. U. Mayell is quoted, "it is tempting to think that Hubble may have been to the observable region of the universe what the Herschels were to the Milky Way system, and what Galileo was to the Solar system."

Orders for the book may be sent to the Cambridge University Press, 1120 Midland Avenue, Port Chester, NY 10573, telephone 914/937-9600. The price, including shipping, is \$29.96. Credit cards are accepted.



FOUR GENERATIONS IN HUBBELL MANSION

The September 1994 issue of *Traditional Home* magazine has an illustrated article about the 12-room English Tudor-style mansion built in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1929 by James Windsor Hubbell, Sr. His granddaughter, Rusty Hubbell Edwards and her husband Charles purchased the house six years ago. The Edwards' two daughters are the fourth generation in the house.

The house is located on 10 hilly, wooded acres. It features intricate brickwork, leaded glass windows, and walnut panelling.



ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS . . .

not two front teeth but a copy of your xeroxed, printed, computerized or otherwise duplicated family Christmas letter.

Last year a goodly number of you sent letters. This made possible two columns of personal news items as well as other articles in the spring issue of *Family Notes*, so that over five dozen family members were mentioned. This year I hope to receive even more letters, as well as clippings and pictures.

You can send letters and clippings to Society headquarters or directly to me:

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TELESCOPE EARNS RAVE REPORTS

The sure sign that something has acquired a positive public image is when it appears favorably in the mouth of a child on the comic page, as in the "Family Circus" cartoon reproduced below which appeared on June 30.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS BIL KEANE



"Couldn't we get a Hubble?"

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Near the end of May, the repaired Hubble Space Telescope had been cited in headlines about evidence that black holes really do exist. Pictures taken by the telescope of the heart of the giant galaxy M87 in the constellation Virgo revealed details so sharply that scientists said they could "weigh" the object as 2 to 3 billion times the mass of the sun.

Then in July, the Hubble was able to take pictures of the back of Jupiter as large comet fragments collided with the planet.

DID U.S. SNAIL SERVICE MISS YOU?

One Society member reports that the spring issue of *Family Notes* mailed in April arrived in his mailbox in early August! If the U.S. "Snail" Service does similar things to you, please do not hesitate to write our Membership Chair, Claire Hubbell Pierce, for another copy of a publication. Her address is North Ridge, Sutton, VT 05867.

Publications mailed this year have included the *Annual* and two issues (spring and fall) of *Family Notes*. Also sent were letters about renewing memberships and ordering *Additions & Revisions*.

JOHN H. HUBBELL HEADS RADIATION PHYSICS SOCIETY

Society member John Howard Hubbell was installed as President of the International Radiation Physics Society at its sixth triennial Symposium in Rabat, Morocco July 18-22, 1994. While John was attending meetings, his wife Jean took advantage of Companion Program trips to Fez (110° in the sun) and Casablanca. Jean is Recording Secretary of our Society.

John's new office will involve travel. In February next year, he will chair an IRPS Executive Council meeting in Jaipur, India. He is scheduled to lecture at a radiological technology meeting in Nagoya, Japan in April and address a South African physics meeting in July.

In March of this year, John and Jean spent two weeks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia visiting their son (and Society member) Shelton, his wife Dorothy and their three children. Shelton is a geophysicist with Saudi Aramco (oil company). John reports that life inside the double-gated Aramco Compound, a city for 15,000 employees and families, is much like that here. But outside the com-



John Howard and Jean Hubbell in the Kasbah des Oudaya of Rabat, Morocco.

ound Jean and Dottie put on head-to-toe black abayas (hooded cloaks with face veils).

Dottie and daughter Laura attended the New Haven Biennial Reunion last summer. All five of the family are planning to attend the Biennial in Folsom, Calif. next August.

TELESCOPE MODEL HONORS NATIVE MARSHFIELD SON

Marshfield, Missouri, the birthplace of astronomer Edwin P. Hubble, dedicated a one-fourth size replica of the Hubble Space Telescope at its July 4 celebration this summer.

The 1,400 pound stainless steel model is 11½ feet long and is mounted on an 8-foot tall frame on the west lawn of the Webster County Courthouse. It makes the viewer realize

how huge the real telescope is. Marshfield also put up a plaque telling about Edwin and the space telescope.

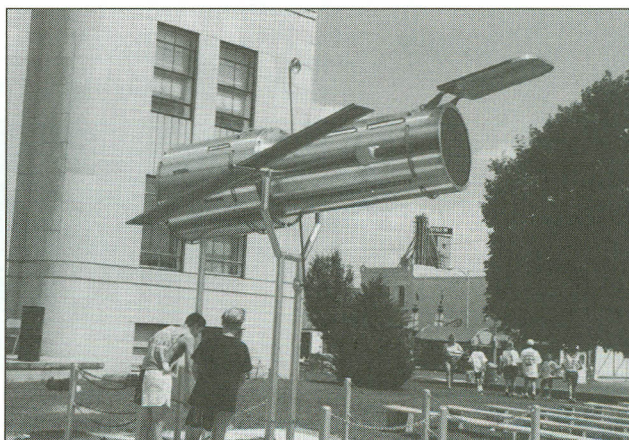
Among those attending the ceremonies were Society members Lena Jump of Marshfield and Jack Jerome Hubbell of Springfield with his son Declan. Lena's father was

a first cousin of Edwin's mother. She recalled a visit by Edwin in 1925 when she was a little girl. Lena's sisters, Gladys

George of Marshfield and Dorothy Martin of Memphis, Tennessee, were also there. All three had been at Cape Canaveral for the launch of the telescope.

The telescope monument was designed and built by Wil-

liam Buesgen, a local volunteer. Among those who helped him was a 10-year-old boy, William Arehart, who tightened bolts inside the model. The red-haired boy said the work was hot, according to the *Springfield News-Leader*. The materials were financed by private donations.



Model of Hubble Space Telescope in Marshfield, Missouri, with Declan Hubbell (8355) on left.

PERHAPS HUBBALLS LIVED IN A HOUSE SIMILAR TO THIS

The half-timbered house shown in this picture comes from the same period (17th century) and area (Worcestershire) as our immigrant ancestor Richard Hubball.

The house was dismantled and stored in the parish of Hartlebury, Worcestershire, a number of years ago. It

has recently been reconstructed as part of the Museum of American Frontier Culture just off route I-81 in Staunton, Virginia.

The English farm is one of four in this outdoor museum. There are also houses, barns, and outbuildings from the German

Rhineland, Northern Ireland, and Appalachian Virginia. Together, they

show where the Shenandoah Valley's—and to a great extent, America's—early settlers came from and the blending of the various European influences.

The English house belonged to a

freeholder and is a relatively prosperous dwelling, having two stories and a tile roof. It had been dismantled before enactment of the so-called "London Bridge Law" which forbids exporting historic structures and so could be legally brought to Virginia.



17th century yeoman's house
from Worcestershire

ROGER HUBBELL IS NOT A DEERSLAYER

Roger D. Hubbell, the Director of the Columbus and Franklin County (Ohio) Metropolitan Parks District and son of Society director Harlin Hubbell, arranged for the safe removal of 494 whitetail deer from four parks last winter.

The deer population had grown to the point that it was destroying the natural habitat of some parks and the deer were suffering from malnutrition.

Roger signed contracts with two men to capture deer—Robin Rodabaugh of Hartsville, Ohio, and Rick Garrabrand of Westerville, Ohio. Each man planned to keep some deer on his own land and sell others to people who would keep them. The contracts specified that hunting and butchering were not allowed.

The deer were captured by use of nets, herding into penned areas and chemical immobilization. Roger told the *Columbus Dispatch* that there would be no out of pocket costs for the parks system. He expects that another 230 will be removed this winter. This capture operation contrasts with the hunting exploits of Truman Mallory Hubbell, the inspiration for James Fenimore Cooper's novel *The Deerslayer* (See the Pennsylvania chapter of *Hubbell Pioneers*).

Thank You!

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Springfield, Missouri headquarters, officials' residences, printers' warehouses, etc. It also protects the Society at any meetings such as the Biennial Reunion or the recent England tour.

A contribution of £100 to the church in Cleobury-Mortimer, Herefordshire, England was voted. This church had a special display of parish records about Hubballs for the Society tour in England.

The Executive Committee decided that notices for Society dues in 1995 will include a form inviting tax deductible donations to the society's Scholarship Fund.

Other business included review of plans for the 1995 Biennial Reunion. (See article on page 12.)

Bylaws were amended to require an Executive Committee meeting in the years when no Biennial Reunion occurs. This formalizes what has been the practice for several years.

HUBBELL CENTER GETS ORGANIZED

Four actions to set up the Society's Center on a sound legal and operational basis have recently been taken by its organizers. For nearly a year, the Center has been physically established in the Hubbell Building in Des Moines and receiving documents and memorabilia.

The Center is now incorporated in the State of Iowa as a not-for-profit institution and has adopted by-laws. Its officers are Jack Jerome Hubbell, President; Harold B. Hubbell, Vice President; and James Windsor Hubbell Jr., Treasurer. Directors include Harvey Hubbell IV, Barbara Dawes, Jean Hubbell Peterson and Robert L. Hubbell. The Society President is an ex-officio Center Director.

The officers are negotiating with a archival-computer expert about designing and installing a system for recording and retrieving documents.



MARRIED IN A SHERPA CEREMONY

Javin Pierce, son of Society members Cedric and Claire Hubbell Pierce, and Jan Reynolds were married Mary 15, 1994 in the Tongboch Monastery in Nepal. The Potsering Lama officiated at the ceremony.



Javin and Jan Pierce

Jan is the author of a series of books on vanishing cultures published by Harcourt, Brace Janovich. She was a biathlon Olympic participant in 1982. Javin invents micro-surgical instruments. He is owner and president of Pierce Instruments. The couple reside in Stowe, Vermont.

PERSONAL COFFEE MUGS BEING SOLD

Society member David M. Hubbell has offered to reproduce your photo on a white ceramic coffee mug which will have the Society seal on the opposite side.

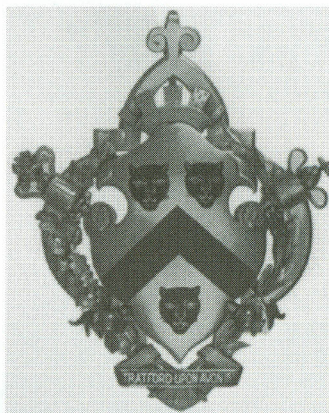
Either a black and white or full color image from a wallet size to a 5"x7" color photo will be permanently baked on an 11 ounce ceramic mug that is both microwave and dishwasher safe. The photo will be returned. The mugs are priced at \$12 U.S. or \$16 Canadian. They may be ordered from the Society (see page 8). Allow four week for delivery.



LION HEADS ON COATS OF ARMS

When guide books about Stratford-on-Avon were given to the Hubbell tour group in June, they were fascinated to see that the city coat-of-arms resembled some which have been attributed to our family with three leopard or lion heads. (The Oxford English Dictionary says lion and leopard are used interchangeably in heraldry.)

Perhaps there is a tenuous connection. Stratford's insignia came when King Edward VI gave it a charter in 1553. The lions were Edward's symbol.



The connection might be through the Huband (also known as Hubold, Hubald, Hubaud) family. Their coat-of-arms with three leopard faces considerably antedates that of Stratford but may have been granted to recognize service to the king. According to a booklet about the Hubands which St. Peter's Church in Ipsley made available to the visiting Hubbells, John Hubald served Edward III in Wales in 1342 and several following generations were prominent under such monarchs as Richard II and Henry VI.

INFO EXCHANGE ON COMPUTER USE FOR GENEALOGY

Carol Hubbell Boggs, who previously served as the North Carolina representative for the Society, suggests that family members who have begun using one of the many computer software programs available to compile genealogical data might like to share their experience and learn from each other. They could also help others get started on computer use.

As a first step in this direction, Carol has prepared the questionnaire below. She urges that you fill it out and sent it to her. If you have further comments of have questions that need answering, please jot them on a separate page and send them along with the questionnaire.

GENEALOGY COMPUTER QUESTIONNAIRE

What computer do you use? _____

What program(s) do you use? _____

What is best about the program(s)? _____

Any problems with it? _____

Would you like to exchange GEDCOM files? _____

Do you use a modem and genealogy BBS? _____

Have you found it helpful? _____ Why/Why not? _____

Do you read a genealogical publication with computer articles? _____

Which one do you recommend? _____

Would you like periodic notes on Hubbell family computer news in *Family Notes*? _____

Suggestions/recommendations/comments _____

Signature (your address is on reverse side) _____

Mail to Carol Boggs, 5601 Brisbane Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-9689

PLAN YOUR FAMILY VACATION AROUND THE 1995 BIENNIAL

History, recreation, scenery and shopping are the ingredients for a family vacation around Folsom, California, where the seventh Biennial Reunion of the Society will take place at the Radisson Inn resort from Tuesday, August 15 to Sunday, August 20, 1995.

The history will feature a one-day bus tour for Society members on Thursday, August 17. The tour will go first to Coloma, where James Marshall discovered gold in the tailrace of John Sutter's sawmill on the south fork of the American River. Then it will go to Placerville (Hangtown), where William Barker Hubbell and his family lived in 1850 and where his daughter Harriet died of measles.

Finally, the tour will visit Sutter Creek where William bought land. He and his wife Jane had a restaurant hotel and then a general store. When that was destroyed by fire in 1865, he built a two-story brick building with a covered porch on both floors. The store was in the first floor and the family lived in the second. That building now houses an ice cream parlor which the group will visit.

The next issue of the *Annual* will have an article telling about



Clifford and Nancy Hubbell Moses,
Co-Chairs of the Biennial Program Committee.

the gold rush and the sights which Biennial attendees will see. Folsom itself has historic Sutter Street and a museum. In nearby Sacramento are reconstructed pioneer buildings and a river cruise on a steam-driven stern-wheeler.

The Biennial Reunion will include general membership and committee meetings on Wednesday and Friday, bus tours on Thursday and Saturday, educational programs, a barbecue and a banquet. Recreation, scenery, and shopping can be enjoyed during free time or by some family members while others are attending scheduled meetings.

The Radisson Inn has swimming, a putting green, volleyball and basketball. It is close to Folsom Lake Park which offers canoeing and rafting, sailing and fishing, bicycling, hiking

and horseback riding, as well as golf and tennis.

For scenery, Lake Tahoe in the Sierra mountains is about 1 1/2 hours east and San Francisco Bay is about the same distance west. Shopping on Sutter Street in Folsom has many antique stores, galleries, boutiques and over 50 factory outlet stores.

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