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COUNTDOWN TO FRANKENMUTH

2007 HUBBELL REUNION

The Board of Directors of The Hubbell Family Historical Society has selected Frankenmuth, Michigan, as the site of the 13th Biennial Reunion and the 25th Anniversary of THFHS, in June 2007. Charles Brewster Hubbell, born 1811, will be the featured ancestor honored at this Reunion. The Michigan area was very important in the growth of the Union, being lush with forests and lumber was plentiful. For this reason, Charles Brewster Hubbell and family moved to the state to carve out a living.

Visit The Hubbell Family Historical Society for the national website.

Frankenmuth, MI 2007

WHAT TO DO
 There are many unique area attractions in and around Frankenmuth. Check the [area attractions](#) page for more info.

HOW TO GET HERE
 For directions on how to get to Frankenmuth by air, train, or car, check out our [How to Get Here](#) page for more info and maps.

Frankenmuth
 Michigan's Little Bavaria

Bavarian Inn
 Our convention will be held in the Bavarian Inn Lodge where 100 Bavarian themed rooms have been reserved (check it out at <http://www.bavarianinn.com/>). This large seven-acre family resort features five swimming pools (including one adult only pool where swimming suits are still required), 360 unique guest rooms, an 18 hole mini-golf course, two lounges, nightly entertainment, two gift shops, and four tennis courts.

DON'T MISS OUT!
 Frankenmuth is a popular destination in Michigan, so make sure you make your reservations early for the event.

25 YEARS
 1981-2006

If you haven't already registered to attend our THFHS 13th Biennial Reunion in Frankenmuth, Michigan, do it today! We'll celebrate our Society's 25th Anniversary and recognize Charles Brewster Hubbell, born 1811, as the featured ancestor honored at this Reunion. The Michigan area was very important in the growth of the Union, being lush with forests and lumber was plentiful. For this reason, Charles Brewster Hubbell and family moved to the state to carve out a living.

The Reunion Headquarters will be at the Bavarian Inn Lodge nestled on the banks of Cass River in downtown Frankenmuth – Michigan's Number One Tourist Attraction. A visit here is like stepping into an Old German Fairy Tale in Michigan's "Little Bavaria". This large seven-acre family resort features five swimming pools, 360 unique guest rooms, an 18 hole mini-golf course, two lounges, nightly entertainment, two gift shops, and four tennis courts.

Plan to join your cousins for this special reunion, June 17th to 23rd!

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**VISIT OUR WEB SITE TO TO REGISTER:
[HTTP://WWW.HUBBELLREUNION2007.COM](http://www.hubbellreunion2007.com)**

Hubbell House Paint Color for Your Own Hacienda

One of the most important and enjoyable steps in rehabilitating a historic house can be selecting paint. To help homeowners in this process, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has worked extensively with Valspar paints to develop an exclusive collection of historical colors.

The resulting exterior palette, sold at Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouses, covers the spectrum of historic hues. It features 250 colors

certified by the National Trust, having been developed from samples taken from the Trust's Historic Sites: examples include Woodrow Wilson Presidential Ivory, Lyndhurst Duchess Gold, and Woodlawn Plantation Pear.

One color is named Hubbell House Rio Grande Mud (2005-7A) for the J. L. Hubbell house in Pajarito, New Mexico, where THFHS held its Biennial Reunion in 2005. It's a clay color that would make a

nice coordinated trim or accent combined in an earthy palette of a warm taupe and dark olive.

Valspar also supports preservation by donating a portion of every sale to the National Trust and by supplying paint to Trust Historic Sites and the 12 sites featured in Home and Garden Television's *Restore America - A Salute to Preservation* to ensure that these historic treasures are protected for a lifetime.

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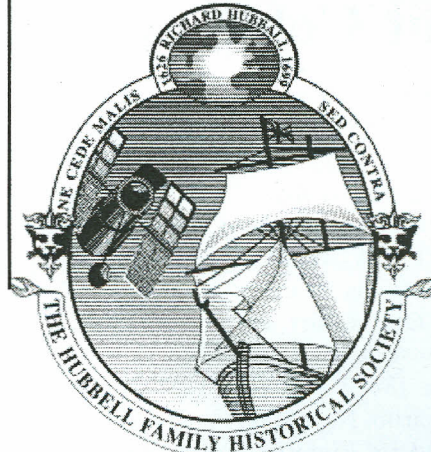


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Hubbell Family Crest ~ Obtained in London, 1831



Seal of The Hubbell Family Historical Society

THE HUBBELL FAMILY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The mission of The Hubbell Family Historical Society is to research the genealogy, preserve the history, recognize the achievements, and promote fellowship for the descendants of Richard Hubbell, the immigrant.

A volunteer, not-for-profit organization founded in 1981, incorporated in 1982. The Society invites membership from descendants of Richard Hubbell of England and New Haven Colony, Connecticut, from persons interested in genealogy and history, and from organizations supporting such activities.

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Membership-reunion meetings are held every two years. The next Biennial will be held at Frankenmuth, Michigan, in June 2007.

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THFHS Remembers Three Longtime Members



Raymond Harry Hubbell passed on Friday, March 2, 2007. Ray is survived by his wife, Mable; 4 sons, Thomas L. (Nancy) Hubbell of Lapeer, MI, Robert S. Hubbell of St. Louis, MI, Dr. William J. (Mary Ann) Hubbell of Virginia Beach, VA, Michael R. (Terri) Hubbell of Grand Haven, MI; daughter-in-law, Aretta Hubbell; 2 brothers, Richard Hubbell of Ravenna, Thomas C. (Dian) Hubbell of Spring Lake, MI; 12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Andrew P. Hubbell.

Services were held Thursday, March 8, 2007, at Clock Chapel. Interment at Sunrise Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. For a full profile, please visit www.lifestorynet.com to share a memory or photo of Ray, or to sign the online guestbook.

Percy and Ethel (Ferguson) Hubbell celebrated the birth of their first child on August 24, 1926, a son they named Raymond Harry Hubbell [A&R# 12787a].

Ray was joined by his younger brothers Richard and Thomas in the family's home, which was relocated to Muskegon Heights, Michigan where his dad worked as a machinist for Continental Motors. Ray's dad got him interested in music at an early age, and Ray learned to play the piano as well as the steel guitar, and became a gifted musician.

Ray attended Muskegon Heights schools, and graduated from Muskegon Heights High School at the onset of World War II. Ray enlisted in the service, joining the U.S. Marines. He was

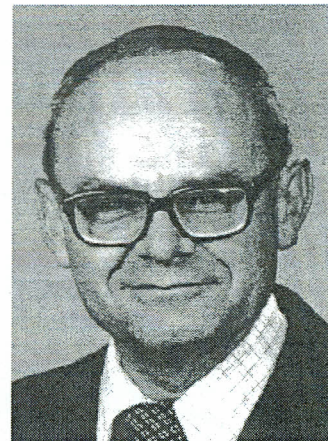


Claire Hubbell Pierce, 78, of Sutton, VT, passed peacefully on March 24, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Cedric "Bruz" Pierce; children, Leigh Hurley, Tracy Pierce Lockwood, and Javin "Jay" Pierce; and three grandchildren, Nils Pierce Reid, Briggs Pierce, and Story Reynolds Pierce.

Claire was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and survived her last five months painlessly at home with her husband and children caring for her, and loving neighbors and friends comforting her.

Claire was born in Woodridge, N.J., [A&R# 9171] the daughter of Briggs and Henrietta Hubbell. Briggs was a manager of Brooks Brothers clothiers in New York, and as a singer and musician he got Claire started on stage at the age of 3 years, with a Ziegfeld Follies outfit, and her gift of perfect pitch. Her singing career ranged from performing with jazz vocal arranger Dave Lambert of Lambert, Hendricks and Ross, to veterans in hospitals during World War II. She also participated in a volunteer morale-boosting effort providing tender letters of courage and hope to servicemen overseas who had no one else to correspond with. Claire was an executive secretary at Matson Steamship Lines in Manhattan, partying at the famous Stork Club, charming all with her beauty, glamour and kindness.

In 1952, Claire fell in love with Bruz, a naval officer on leave. It was love at first sight. They were married months later and nested in Sutton, rebuilding a 200-year-old farmhouse. While raising three children, Claire gave her spare time



John Howard Hubbell passed on Saturday, March 31, 2007 in Gaithersburg, MD. Beloved husband of Jean N. Hubbell; loving father of Anne Virginia Cooper, Shelton Eric Hubbell, and Wendy Hubbell Carballo; loving brother of Jean H. McCabe, Mary H. Kimmel and Robert J. (Marjory) Hubbell. Also survived by nine loving grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews.

Memorial Services were held at Foundry United Methodist Church, 1500 16th Street N.W. Washington, DC 20036 on Sunday April 15, 2007 at 1:30pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the above named church or to the Asbury Foundation Benevolent Care Fund, 201 Russell Ave. Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

John Howard Hubbell (born 1925) was an American radiation physicist. He was on the staff of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) (formerly National Bureau of Standards) from 1950 until 1988, when he retired. He remained a contractor to NIST. He was a founder and past president of the International Radiation Physics Society.

John [A&R# 8668] was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He earned a BSE in engineering physics in 1949 and an MS in physics in 1950 from the University of Michigan. He was author or co-author of over one hundred publications including the "Radiation Physics" article in the 2002 *Encyclopedia of Physical Science and Technology*. He was past editor of *Applied Radiation and Isotopes* and consulting editor of *Radiation Physics*

Raymond Harry Hubbell...

stationed in the San Diego area, however, and never saw combat. After he was discharged, Ray returned home to Muskegon, where he found a job at Northwestern Auto Supply.

One day Ray met a beautiful young woman named Mable Davis, who was working in the tool crib at Continental Motors. Ray and Mable soon had fallen in love, and were married on February 19, 1949. Ray got a job at the Continental Motors plant downtown, the last place he would ever work, retiring when the plant closed in 1990.

From 1949 to 1956, they were blessed with five boys; Thomas, Andrew, Robert, William and Michael. Ray and Mable loved to entertain, and he would play the piano and he would sing for everyone. Ray was a very social guy with many friends, and was a longtime member of the Muskegon Eagles. Ray loved to travel, and over the years he visited all 50 states!

Ray had many other hobbies, including a large collection of model trains. He was also passionate about genealogy, and was a member of The Hubbell Family Historical Society. Ray and Mable also traveled around the country searching cemeteries for information on his relatives.

Ray and Mable traveled all over together after he retired, and nearly always drove. Of course, as much as he loved to travel, Ray was just as content to be at home, with his kids and grandkids. When his grandchildren arrived, Ray was especially thrilled, and loved those kids so dearly. He enjoyed hoisting them upon his shoulders, carting them around the house, as they laughed and patted his bald head!

Sadly, the day came when they had to leave their home of 48 years and moved into assisted living. Ray enjoyed it there, and would sometimes sit at the piano and entertain the other residents. That was Ray, though, so beloved wherever he went.

Ray was a wonderful man, who lived a wonderful life, a life so full of fun, friendship and especially family. He was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, and a loyal friend to so many. Most of all, Ray Hubbell was a man who lived, and loved, his life to the fullest. He will be so greatly missed.

Claire Hubbell Pierce...

to the community, offering help to those in need, still singing all the way. At parties, her many friends knew she could be counted on to sing a few rousing songs, always ending them with a beautiful smile. She and Bruz adored world travel, cross-country ski parties, church suppers and good intellectual banter.

In the years when Bruz was teaching at St. Johnsbury Academy, Claire was hired by Aime's Restaurant to sing and entertain in nightclub style, an act that drew many of their Academy friends and others from the St. Johnsbury area for an evening of dining and fun. Because of her business background, she served The Hubbell Family Historical Society, of which she was a member, in several positions. She and Bruz attended several of their get-togethers throughout the country and kept up on the latest Hubble Space ventures. She served as Caledonia Home Health Agency's coordinator when it started its new R.S.V.P. organization 20 years ago.

Claire often said she was not accepted by Vermonters until she started to sing in the choir at the West Burke Methodist Church. She had the voice of an angel. She has never left their hearts.

A memorial service will be held at West Burke Church, June 24, followed by a party celebrating her life at their new home on Sutton North Ridge. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Caledonia Home Health in thanks for their incomparable devotion and support.

Source: *The Caledonian-Record News, St. Johnsbury, VT.*

John Howard Hubbell...

and Chemistry. In the scientific community, Mr. Hubbell is known for his evaluations, computations and compilations of photon cross sections and attenuation (and energy-absorption) coefficients used in medicine, engineering and other disciplines. He is also known for his computationally-tractable solutions of problems associated with the predictions of radiation fields. A partial list of his achievements includes:

Awards and honors

Faculty Medal, Czech Technical University, 1982

Radiation Industry Award, American Nuclear Society, 1985

Honorary Academician of the International Higher Education Academy of Sciences (Moscow) 1994

Outstanding Alumnus Award, Dept. of Nuclear Engineering, University of Michigan, 1995

Doctor honoris causa, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, 1996

Publications

Hubbell, J.H. (1969). Photon cross sections, attenuation coefficients, and energy absorption coefficients from 10 keV to 100 GeV. Washington: U.S. National Bureau of Standards. LCCN 73600412.

Hubbell, J.H.; L. V. Spencer (1964). Shielding against gamma rays, neutrons, and electrons from nuclear weapons: a review and bibliography. Washington: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards. LCCN 63060082.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_H._Hubbell

MEMBER NEWS

On December 20, 2007, **Caelin Alexander Gardner Dawes** made his appearance at 12:12 p.m. at Campbell River Hospital in Campbell River, British Columbia, weighing in at 6 lbs. 11 oz. and 20" long. He is the son of **Trevor and Kristin Dawes**, and the grandson of **(8366) Barbara and Bob Dawes** of Wooler, Ontario.

(8667) Marjorie M. K. Hlava was re-elected as President of the Hubbell House Alliance, the Albuquerque, NM, nonprofit organization formed in 2001 by the Committee to Preserve the Hubbell

Property. The Hubbell House is scheduled to open in July 2007, with ten acres under cultivation and rehabilitation of the house well underway.

(5327) Edith Thornburg of Suffern, NY, loves to study the weather, so she installed a Davis Vantage Pro2 Plus wireless weather station at her home. It measures barometric pressure, temperature, humidity, rainfall, wind speed and direction, plus solar radiation and UV. With the unit, Edith is able to broadcast meteorological data from her backyard on the Internet. To see what the weather is doing at Edith's house, just visit <http://www.wunderground.com/weatherstation/WXDailyHistory.asp?ID=KNYSUFFE2>

NEW HUBBELL/HUBBLE MERCHANDISE

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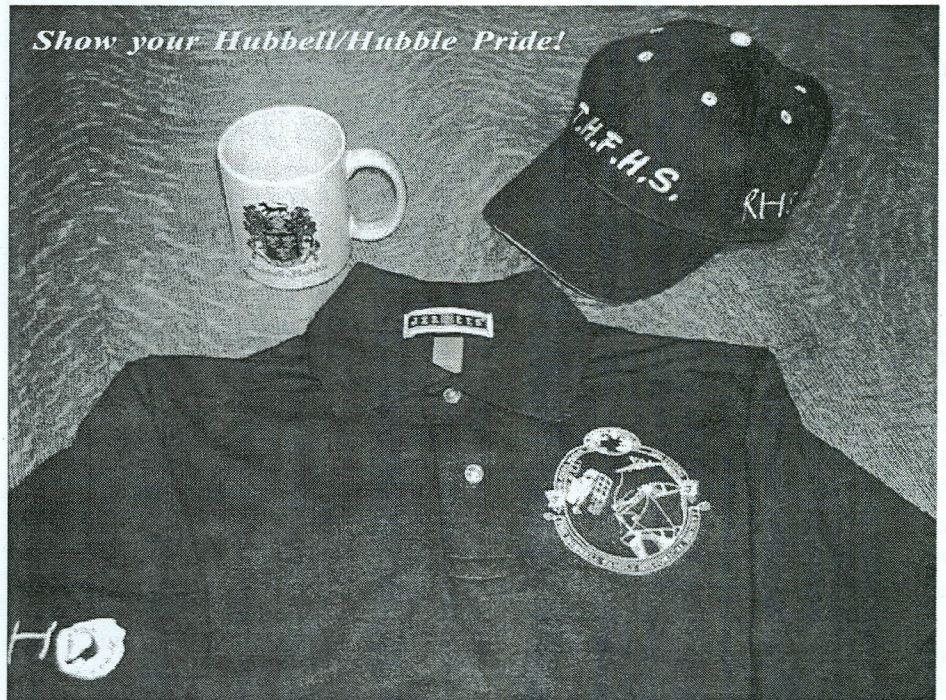
We are excited to announce two new items for sale. The long-awaited *baseball cap* is navy with "T.H.F.H.S." embroidered in cream on the front and has the "RH" mark embroidered in cream on the side. There is also a narrow cream insert in the sandwich-style bill. These new caps are \$15.00 US and \$20.00 Canadian.

We also now carry a *polo/golf shirt* which is navy and has our family seal in cream on the breast. The "RH" mark is on the sleeve. These shirts are \$25.00 US and \$30.00 Canadian for sizes S, M, L and XL. Shirts in size XXL are \$27.00 US and \$32.00 Canadian.

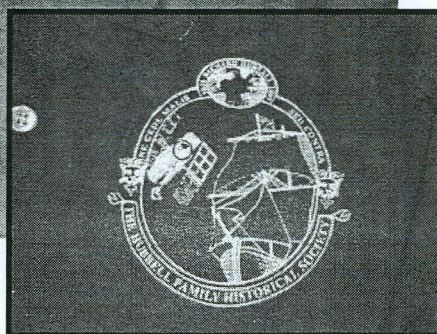
Our popular *coffee mugs* are back in stock at a cost of \$7.50 US and \$10.00 Canadian. These mugs are white and have our Coat of Arms in green, yellow, blue and black.

These and other items as well as all of our Society books may also be obtained by going to our THFHS website at www.hubbell.org and printing additional copies of the order form. All of our merchandise will also be available at the Reunion in Michigan.

**Show your family pride!!
 Order today!!**



Richard Hubball's mark appears on the side of the cap.



The Society Seal appears on the chest, "RH" mark on the right sleeve.

FROM THE GENEALOGIST:

Genealogy committee activities for the past year include answering queries, updates and research.

Queries come mainly from the internet and the Hubbell web site. Activity has been slow but important information on the family and several new members have joined as a result.

Updates from submitted family data sheets have provided new information. Updates to the *Military History of the Hubbell Family in North America* continue with much new information on family members who served during World War II. Unfortunately, the main source is obituaries although recently released federal enlistment records have advanced knowledge of this era.

Research continues for a new history of the family and shipping. The new family history will try to include more details regarding education, occupations and anecdotes. Thanks are due to the many family members and others who have submitted new information. The history of the Hubbell sea captains and shipping promises to provide interesting information on this aspect of New England life.

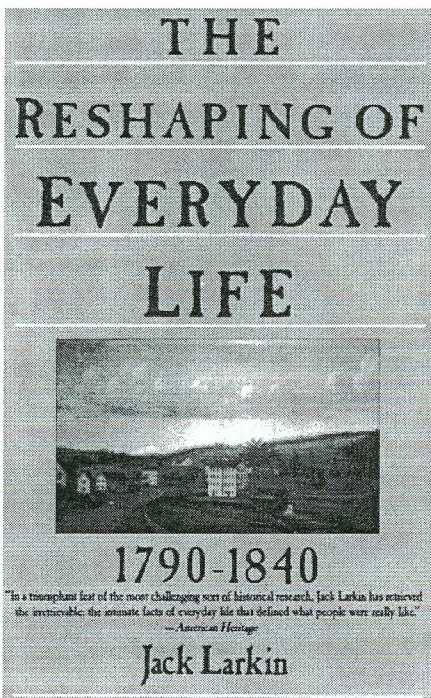
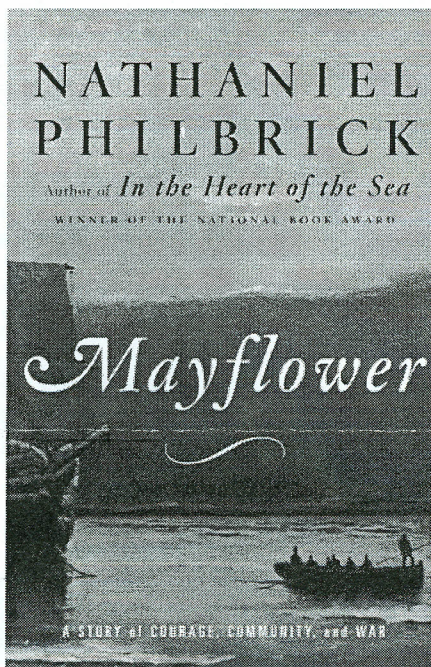
If you are interested in learning about the lives of our ancestors, I can recommend two good books.

The first is *Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War* by Nathaniel Philbrick (ISBN 0-670-03760-5) published in 2006. It is the story of the New England settlers that arrived on the Mayflower in 1620, just about 20 years before our immigrant ancestor, Richard Hubball arrived in America. Richard arrived in a migration that started in 1630 and ended in the early 1640's. The author describes the voyage of the Mayflower, the early settlements and the desperate search for food. He also points out that the interaction with the native population has reverberations that can be felt today.

The second book is *The Reshaping of Everyday Life 1790-1840* by Jack Larkin (ISBN 0-06-015905-7) published in 1988. This book describes the styles and customs of Americans from after the period of George Washington and for the next 50 years. Most fascinating to me were the details of everyday activities that brought new meaning to understand-

ing the lives of my ancestors. Nothing is left out. In addition to details about travel, clothing and the patterns of speech; there are descriptions of the care of chamber pots, privies and pets. The everyday concerns of living are described against a background of the major events of the period which involved rapid social and economic changes.

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BYU Family History Archive

Source: Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/

One of the greatest online genealogy resources seems to receive little publicity. The Harold B. Lee Library at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, has a major project underway of offering genealogy history books online. Staff members are scanning the books and placing them online at the rate of about 100 titles per week. The 5,000 titles already available include diaries, biographies, and numerous family history books. The books are easily searched.

The Family History Archive can be searched by surname, geographic area, book title, author, or any combination of those search fields. When you include the Full Text option in your search, the database will locate every page containing the words you included in your search and may return up to 10,000 of those pages in your results. For example, a full-text search for the name "Young" in the collection will bring back 10,000 pages.

You can easily narrow your search by using the keyword searches. Each of the histories has been cataloged by a professional librarian who analyzes the contents of the history and provides appropriate terms, called keywords, for family names, locations, authors, and other important topics. The keyword searches use the information provided by the cataloger to locate family histories, and this is the best way to quickly find the histories most likely to be of use to you.

The actual pages appear on the user's screen as PDF files (Portable Document Format). This is a good choice as the pages are easily viewed and printed on Windows, Macintosh, Linux, and other operating systems.

The pages displayed are facsimiles,

BYU Family History Archive

or copies, of the original pages. Many of the images that I saw appear to have been made from microfilm copies of the books. The quality of the images depends on several factors, beginning with their original creation.

In addition to providing access to images of the pages, BYU also attempted to convert the original text into a machine-readable format. This effort should make the histories more useful by allowing you to search through text, using your computer. The process of converting the text is called Optical Character Recognition, or OCR. In the OCR process a computer program looks at the scanned images of the pages and

replaces the printed alphanumeric characters as the program "sees" them with the same characters as digital type. The quality of the OCR is directly related to the quality of the image. In most cases, the OCR is quite successful in accurately reading the text. However, in the case of some of the older histories, the results are not as good. The text is not always 100% accurate. You should always carefully examine the actual pages of the family histories - or their actual scanned pages - and not depend completely on full-text search results.

The BYU Family History Archive is available to everyone free of charge at <http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc>

Hubbell House Chef Still Cookin'

MANTORVILLE, MN -- In a profession where chefs change jobs fairly regularly, Jary Gardner is an exception. He has been performing chef duties at the Hubbell House in Mantorville for 33 years.

"Since high school," he says, "and that was a long time ago. A classmate was working here and told me they needed someone to wash pots and pans and do some initial prep work. I got the job without even an interview and have been here ever since."

The Hubbell House in Mantorville, about a 25-minute drive west from Rochester, has been a fixture on the southwestern Minnesota dining scene for a long time. Tour buses and special groups often go there for lunch, and for years it has been a favorite of people in the area to go for special occasions or just a dinner out.

Jary has been a part of most of it. "I grew up in Kasson and as long as I can remember the Hubbell House was a special place," he says.

Designated as an historic site, it was originally a stagecoach stop in the mid to late 1800s, then a hotel. Closed during the Depression years, it was reopened by Paul Pappas as a restaurant in 1946. The Pappas family is still involved in its operation. The Hubbell Family Historical Society was founded at the Hubbell House in 1981.

Though he came by cooking almost by chance, Gardner has enjoyed his years in the kitchen. "I never had any formal training but I did go to some culinary seminars," he says. "Mostly I learned by watching and doing, and that is still how we train our young cooks." Unlike most other chefs, Gardner has a second job: As a mailman in Byron. How did he come to do that? "I wanted more regular hours and Sundays off," he says.

These days he heads to the kitchen on Fridays and Saturdays, though he helps out other days as well. The weekend nights are actually when he is needed the most, with the restaurant serving at least 400 on Fridays and 500 on Saturdays. How has it stayed on top over the years? "Things don't change much here," he says. "The menu stays the same except for a few specials we offer most nights."

Regular customers expect certain items cooked a certain way. That, I think, is the secret to our success."

Source: *The Post-Bulletin, Rochester, MN.* <http://www.postbulletin.com/>



THFHS HALL OF FAME SELECTION CRITERIA



All current members of the Society in good standing will have the opportunity to nominate a member of the Society to The Hubbell Hall of Fame. A set of guidelines for nomination has been established and defines the procedure for the final selection to The Hall of Fame:

1. Any member of good standing may make one nomination using the official "Hall of Fame" nomination form during the biennial period before the next REUNION.
2. Information must be presented as clearly as possible (typewriter, word processor, or precise hand printing).
3. A nominee must be a member of THFHS or a prior member if deceased. Include the number of the nominee from *Additions & Revisions to the History and Genealogy of the Hubbell Family* or *Annual*, if known.
4. A nominee will be considered primarily for service and accomplishments to THFHS. Other outstanding service and accomplishments may be considered if of benefit to THFHS.
5. Please give special thought to the statement of WHY the person should be inducted into The Hubbell Hall of Fame.
6. Be specific, concise, and accurate in your report.
7. Limit your comments. Use the back of the nomination form and one additional sheet for your comments if necessary.
8. If possible, include a photograph of the nominee. Do not contact the nominee for details or a photograph, this will be done by the Hall of Fame Committee if needed.
9. The Hall of Fame Committee, appointed by the president, will read the nominations. Their recommendations will be given to THFHS Executive Committee, which will make the final decision.
10. The nomination form with guidelines will be available in the Family Notes newsletter and by download: <http://www.hubbell.org/hubHOF.htm>
11. All nominations for 2009 inductees must be received by November 5, 2008.

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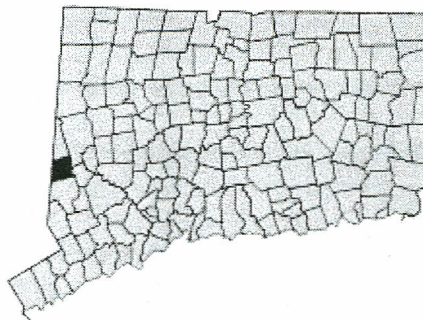
Gideon Hubbell House to Become Part of New Fairfield Museum

When her family moved to New Fairfield, CT, 13 years ago, Sue Monshaw joined the New Fairfield Historical Society, eventually serving as president of the organization for five years. Two years ago, Monshaw and former town historian Linda Decker, another historical society member, co-founded Preserve New Fairfield, a group dedicated to saving old homes and buildings in town.

The organization has grown rapidly to include more than 200 members, and was the driving force behind the 2006 move of two of the town's oldest homes, the Gideon Hubbell House, built in 1838, and the former parsonage of the New Fairfield Congregational Church, erected two years later, to a planned historic park off Route 37. They will be transformed into museums illustrating local history. "We just agreed it was a good idea to try and save these two buildings, and to set up something that would aid other people in preserving or finding uses for other old homes. We'd hate to see New Fairfield's history get bulldozed," she said.

Gideon Hubbell was born in 1761. He married Diantha (also called Cleo Dianthi) Barnum, daughter of David Barnum and Amy Towner. Gideon served in the Revolutionary War as a private in the Connecticut troops, having enlisted in New Fairfield. He received a pension for his efforts. Gideon Hubbell died in 1838, at the age of 77, and is buried, together with his wife, in the Town Center Cemetery.

The house passed, through his probate, to his daughter Anna Hubbell Bearss in May 1838. Ownership prior to this is unavailable because of the destruction of so many New Fairfield records in the fire of 1867. Upon Anna's death, the house passed to her son, Orson Bearss. His father, Joseph Bearss, acting on behalf of the "underage" boy, sold it to Alpheus Martin Couch in 1841. It



New Fairfield, Connecticut

should be noted that Joseph Bearss was a Revolutionary War veteran, having enlisted in New Fairfield and served as a private and a sergeant in the Connecticut troops for which he received a pension for "21 months and 23 days actual service".

Connecticut State Senator David Cappiello (R-24), State Reps. Mary Ann Carson (R-108) and Janice Giegler (R-138) announced on May 16, 2006, the State of Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism (CCCT) had awarded the Town of New Fairfield a \$50,000 grant to preserve the former Congregational Church Parsonage/Cassidy House and the Gideon Hubbell House. The CCCT executive committee granted final approval for the grant on Wednesday, May 10, 2006.

Both buildings are listed on the State Register of Historic Places. This designation enabled the town to qualify for preservation funding assistance through the agency's newly-established Endangered Property grant-in-aid program. The program was created by legislation supported by Sen. Cappiello and Reps. Carson and Giegler that was passed into law in 2005.

Current plans call for the two buildings to be moved to another location, which would likely be adjacent to the proposed location for New Fairfield's new senior center.

Sources: Greater Danbury NewsTimesLive.com; Preserve New Fairfield; Connecticut House Republican Press Release- May 16, 2006.

What's the Story With... The Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory

For those who've ever studied law, practiced, or were otherwise engaged in the legal profession, they've no doubt used this valuable research tool. The rest of us may have heard of it. But, did you know how it came to be?

The Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory is one of the oldest and best-known catalogues of lawyers in the United States.

Its history begins with two separate publications, the Martindale Directory and Hubbell's Legal Directory. The Martindale Directory was first published in 1868 by James B. Martindale, a lawyer and businessman. Its purpose was "to furnish to lawyers, bankers, wholesale merchants, manufacturers, real estate agents, and all others...the address of one reliable law firm, one reliable bank, and one reliable real estate office in every city in the United States..."

By the 1896 edition, the Directory included the basic information that still appears in the standard Practice Profile listings, as well as ratings and a section on foreign lawyers and firms.

In 1930 the Martindale Company purchased the publishing rights to Hubbell's Legal Directory. This Directory consisted of three parts: a digest of the collected laws of each state; court calendars; and a selective list of lawyers and firms.

John H. Hubbell founded J. H. Hubbell & Company, which published Hubbell's Legal Directory, the first volume in 1870. It was a publication which served two purposes: to enable attorneys to publish their professional credentials; and to furnish to lawyers, bankers, and all others who may have need of business correspondents away from home.

This first edition of the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory — combining the features of both preceding publications — was published in 1931 as a two-volume set. Volume I consisted of the lawyer listings and Volume II the Law Digest. The directory has been updated annually ever since.

In the directory, firms are rated for legal expertise and ethical conduct, the highest rating being "AV".

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