

Descendants of Mary Ann Hibben and John S. Campbell

Generation No. 4.1

MARY ANN⁴ HIBBEN (*John³, Thomas², John¹*) was born September 14, 1809 in Uniontown, Fayette Co., PA and died February 28, 1844 in Rushville, Rush Co., IN. She married **JOHN S. CAMPBELL** June 18, 1831 in Highland Co., OH. He was born Abt. 1812 in PA.

Children of **MARY HIBBEN** and **JOHN CAMPBELL** are:

- i. **MARY⁵ F. CAMPBELL**, b. Abt. 1835, OH.
- ii. **WILLIAM CAMPBELL**, b. Abt. 1837, OH.
- iii. **STOCKTON CAMPBELL**, b. Abt. 1840, OH.
- iv. **(unknown) CAMPBELL**, b. Abt. 1843, IN, d. 1843, IN.

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MARY ANN HIBBEN 1809 - 1844
and
JOHN S. CAMPBELL Abt. 1812 -

The Name Immortal

*How beautifully simple and divinely affectionate
is the name of—Mary!
But what appellation in the bright circle of life's love and fond associations,
has in it more of sweetness, and purity, and heavenly power
than 'my sister Mary?'*¹

Rev. William W. Hibben

Mary Ann Hibben was the first child of John Hibben and Phebe Milhous. She also was the first grandchild of Thomas and Mary Hibben and one could speculate that she was named for her grandmother. As documented in the previous section, she was born in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania on September 14, 1809 and married John S. Campbell June 18, 1831 in Highland County, Ohio.² What little is known about her has been found in her husband's records and in her siblings' documents.

John S. Campbell, Clerk Of The Rush County Court

The 1840 US Census³ records that John S. Campbell, wife and children were living in Rushville Township, Rush County, Indiana and he was employed in manufacturing and trade. It is possible that he was associated in business with his wife's cousin, George Hibben.⁴ In 1850 after Mary Ann's death, the Census lists him as a book seller and records his children as Mary F. Campbell, born about 1835; William Campbell, born about 1837; and Stockton Campbell, born about 1840.⁵ John's second wife was Margaret Mathews who gave him a daughter, Alma, born about 1849. It is believed that Margaret was a widow because an Elizabeth 'Hessie' Mathews, born about 1844, grew up in the Campbell household.

In 1860 John was elected Clerk of the Rush County Court of Common Pleas⁶ succeeding George Hibben in that position. Public Notices from 1860 to 1864 were filed in many issues of the Rushville Jacksonian by 'J. S. Campbell, Clerk.' In 1857 a joint stock company called the Rush County Agricultural Society was formed by a number of citizens of Rush County "*desirous of promoting the prosperity and encouragement of agricultural and mechanical pursuits, including the cultivation of fruits, vegetables and ornamental gardening, improvements in all branches of mechanism and arts, the improvement of the races of all useful and domestic animals and the general advancement of rural and household economy, and domestic manufactures, and the dissemination of useful information upon all the above-named subjects.*"⁷ Display and demonstration of these pursuits, products and animals occurred at an annual County Fair from September 16th through the 19th. John S. Campbell was elected Treasurer of the Society in December 1857.

In June of 1859 John S. Campbell was secretary of the friends of the Cemetery Association which founded the East Hill Cemetery Company of Rushville.⁸ As cited in Chapter

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VI, Generation 4.1, George Hibben organized the committees to form the Cemetery Association and purchase the land above the Flatrock River.

Mary Departs This Life Aged Thirty-five

Mary Ann died of consumption on February 28, 1844.

MARY ANN CAMPBELL, daughter of John Hibben of Hillsboro, Ohio and sister of Rev. W. W. Hibben, of Indiana conference, has gone to join the Church triumphant. She was born in Uniontown, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, September 14, 1809. In youth she remembered her Creator, and joined the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she continued a worthy member till death. . In the year 1830, with her parents, she went to Hillsborough, Ohio, where she was united in matrimony to brother J. S. Campbell. About four years ago , with her husband and three children, she came to this place, where she endeared herself to many. In March last, she was attacked with disease which brought on consumption, and terminated her life. . . A little before 10 o'clock, P. M., on February 28th, in the 35th year of her age she breathed her last. Her funeral sermon was preached by the writer, after which her remains were conveyed to the burying-ground, where they were deposited beside her babe, who died last summer, to await the resurrection morn. Rushville, Ia. [IN] Wm. C. Smith. ⁹

Mary Ann's sister, Sarah Jane, interrupted her education, moving to Rushville to care for the young children. She remained there for about a year, leaving after John married Margaret Mathews.¹⁰ Many years later her brother wrote an eloquent eulogy. The conclusion of his article in the Ladies' Repository magazine about the name—Mary, places his sister among the best loved Marys the world has known: Mary, the mother of Jesus; Mary, the mother of George Washington; and Highland Mary, the love of the Scottish bard, Robert Burns.

But what appellation in the bright circle of life's love and fond associations, has in it more of sweetness, and purity, and heavenly power than 'my sister Mary?' Indeed, it is also a holy name, for it points us back to the sunny days of childhood and youth, when the world around us all seemed fair and full of sunshine. We remember in those confiding days, when, with that bright-eyed sister by our side, we did not even think the clouds of heaven were ever dark or pretentious; for with the love-smile she cleared our pathway, and by her guiding arm she always directed us in the path of safety. 'My sister Mary!' what sunlight that name threw over our youthful days! We never can forget her. She was our oldest sister, but two years our senior; and from the very morning of our being she was the guardian angel of our daily hours. Even now, when long years have passed away like the clouds and shadows of life, and when our heart itself has grown old amid the havoc and bereavements of human years, that sister's love is still upon us, and we seem to yield yet to the kind pressure of her power as she directs and guides us on to virtuous and noble deeds. The leaf was in its autumn sear when, years ago, they laid her in the dreamless grave by the side of her infant child. 'My sister Mary!' the name itself has music in it. We have never uttered it without feeling that it touched the chords of the divinity within.¹¹

Generation 4.1 End Notes:

- ¹ Rev. William W. Hibben, "The Name Immortal," *The Ladies' Repository: A monthly periodical, devoted to literature, arts and religion*, October 1857, Cincinnati, (Methodist Episcopal Church), volume 17, issue 10, pages 608-11.
- ² David N. McBride & Jane N. McBride, *Marriage Records of Highland County, Ohio, 1805-1880*, 1969, (The Southern Ohio Genealogical Society).
- ³ US Census 1840, M704-93, page 188(369), Rushville Township, Rush County, Indiana.
- ⁴ George⁴ Hibben (*Thomas³, Thomas², John¹*).
- ⁵ US Census 1850, M432-170, page 425B, line 41, District 97, Rush County, Indiana.
- ⁶ *History of Rush County, Indiana, 1888*, 1888, Chicago, Illinois, (Brant & Fuller), page 318.
- ⁷ *Ibid.*, page 301.
- ⁸ *Ibid.*, page 638.
- ⁹ *Western Christian Advocate*, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, obituary, March 24, 1844.
- ¹⁰ Newspaper, unknown, May 1902; See Chapter III, Generation 3.1.
- ¹¹ Hibben, "The Name Immortal," [Note 1].