

Descendants of Harriet L. Hibben and John W. Stout

Generation No. 4.5

HARRIET LORETTA⁴ HIBBEN (*John³, Thomas², John¹*) was born February 21, 1829 in Uniontown, Fayette Co., PA and died March 02, 1912 in Columbus, Franklin Co., OH. She married **JOHN W. STOUT** June 01, 1854 in Hillsboro, Highland Co., OH. He died Bef. 1870.

Children of **HARRIET HIBBEN** and **JOHN STOUT** are:

- i. **NELLIE⁵ STOUT**, b. August 4, 1865, IN; d. November 16, 1951, Columbus, Franklin Co., OH
- ii. **FRANK STOUT**, b. Abt. 1869, OH. He married **LILLY** (unknown).

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HARRIET LORETTA HIBBEN 1829 - 1912
and
JOHN W. STOUT¹

*What did they do, our grandmothers, as they sat spinning
all the day? Are we not ourselves the web they wove? ²*

Harriet Grows Up In Hillsboro And Cares For Her Father

Harriet L. Hibben was the ninth child of John Hibben and Phebe Milhous Hibben, and the last to be born in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Her date of birth was February 21, 1829.³ As an infant she was taken to Hillsboro, Ohio where she later attended school. When in her early teens, she suffered the sorrows of the loss of three sisters and her mother, detailed in previous sections of this chapter. By 1850 all of her surviving siblings had moved on. The US Census of that year records her living alone with her father.⁴ The year after her father's death, Harriet married Dr. John W. Stout on June 1, 1854, in Hillsboro.⁵

The Elusive Dr. Stout

Nellie McDermott's notes indicate that Harriet's husband was a doctor who came from Illinois. The census reports, 1860, 1870 and 1880, do not record John W. Stout as living with Harriet. In 1860 she was recorded living in the home of her brother, Samuel Milhous Hibben, in Wabash County, Indiana, and working as a seamstress.⁶ In 1870 she was back in Hillsboro, Ohio with two children, Nellie born August 4, 1865 and Frank born about 1869.⁷ It is assumed that Dr. Stout died before 1870. Again her employment was as a seamstress. By 1880, Harriet and her children had moved into the Hillsboro home of her sister, Sara Jane Jeans. At that time she was self employed as an embroiderer and stitcher.⁸

About 1882 Harriet and Nellie moved to Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, about twenty-five miles north of Hillsboro. They were there for two years caring for 'Aunt Bettie.'⁹

June 15th [1945]

Dear Nellie. I just got your letter and will answer right away so you can get the Hibben information I can give you. Aunt Bettie Keley [Kelley] or perhaps better, Elizabeth Hibben Keley was your great great aunt. My mothers and your grandmothers fathers sister. your great great grandfather John Hibben. . . . Aunt Bettie Kelley was a lovely character. had one son Daniel [five children]. My mother and cousin Venie Dill went over to visit Aunt Bettie and the bed fell down in the night and my mother surely got a kick out of it. Mother and I lived there about two years as aunt Bettie was feeble and mother kept house for her. Her property went back to the Kellies at aunt Betties death. i was a growing girl at that time about fifteen.¹⁰

Nellie Stout was about 79 years old when she wrote this letter to Nellie McDermott, age 70. In the letter she refers to the 'Hibben books;' "May Cummings has a lot of books about our people. The books belonged to Cousin Venie."¹¹ She signed the letter; "The other Nellie."

Later in her life Harriet Stout moved to Columbus, Ohio where she died March 2, 1912 at the age of 86. She was buried in the Hillsboro, Ohio cemetery.¹²

THE JOHN HIBBEN LINE

Nellie Devotes Her Life To Relief Work

Nellie never married. An article without a source and date describes Nellie's volunteer work.

Miss Stout Finds Relief Work To Do

*The relief committee of the church, under the leadership of the invincible Nellie Stout is starting off its winter season of work and is planning to do the usual number of fine things. Miss Stout needs at once clothing for boys, aged 6, 8, 10 and for a girl, aged 7. But most of all she wants funds to send a bright young girl, who will be graduated from high school in February, on to business school, so that she will be able to support her worthy parents. Also Miss Stout is trying to collect 100 volumes for the library in the Sunday school at the Garfield avenue Presbyterian church (colored), where Rev. Cooper is doing a good work for a group of negroes who are financially poor. Miss Stout has been doing this volunteer work among the needy families for the past 30 years and has received the kindly cooperation of the church members. She investigates each family she helps and makes it her rule to help those who are trying to help themselves.*¹³

Nellie was successful despite a handicap.

*Today, I suppose we would call Miss Nellie Stout 'visually impaired.' She wore very thick lenses and I remember that people marveled at her independence in spite of her handicap. I met her only once or twice at Aunt Veenie Dill's.*¹⁴

When Nellie died at the age of 86 on November 16, 1951, she was an inmate of the Pauline Home in Columbus. As no family members survived her, the records of the Home were recorded as the 'Informant.' She is buried at Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus.¹⁵

Nellie's brother, Frank married Lilly (unknown). His young daughter, Hazel Stout, is buried near her grandmother Harriet in the Hillsboro Cemetery.¹⁶

Generation 4.5 End Notes:

- ¹ Birth date unknown, died before 1870.
- ² Anonymous toast, Mary Floyd Talmage Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Litchfield Connecticut, 1910.
- ³ Records of Nellie McDermott; Nellie May⁶ Perin (*Kate Belle⁵ Jeans, Sarah Jane⁴ Hibben, John³, Thomas², John¹*).
- ⁴ US Census 1850, M432-694, page 52, household 85, Hillsboro, Liberty Township, Highland County, Ohio.
- ⁵ David N. McBride & Jane N. McBride, *Marriage Records of Highland County, Ohio, 1805-1880*, 1981, (The Southern Ohio Genealogical Society), page 230.
- ⁶ US Census 1860, M653-304, page 131, household 126, Noble Township, Wabash County, Indiana.
- ⁷ *US Census 1870 Compilation*, 1995, (The Southern Ohio Genealogical Society), page 146.
- ⁸ US Census 1880, T9-1033, enumeration 46, sheet 7, household 60, Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio.
- ⁹ Elizabeth Hibben³ Kelley (*Thomas², John¹*).
- ¹⁰ Letter from Nellie Stout to Mrs. James McDermotte [McDermott], 328 Oak Street, Hillsboro, Ohio, postmarked June 16, 1945, Columbus, Ohio.
- ¹¹ The Lavinia Hibben Dill documents were handed down via May Cummings and Samuel Galloway Hibben to Craig Rittenhouse Hibben. They have been conserved, transcribed and indexed. A complete set of the document copies are on file at the Southern Ohio Genealogical Society in Hillsboro, Ohio.
- ¹² Cemetery Records of Harsha Monument Company, Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio; born February 21, 1829,

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died March 2, 1912, in Columbus, Ohio; buried in section D67, no tombstone; Death Certificate #14516, Columbus, Franklin Co., OH. Note: buried near Harriet is Hazel Stout 1891-1894, her granddaughter. Hazel was the daughter of Frank Stout.

- ¹³ Records of Nellie McDermott, [Note 2], locale probably Columbus, Ohio ca. 1920-1930.
- ¹⁴ Letter from Jean Spargur Perin to George Hibben, May 3, 1999.
- ¹⁵ Death Certificate #69187, Columbus, Franklin Co., OH.
- ¹⁶ Cemetery Records of Harsha Monument Company, [Note 11], "Hazel Stout 1891-1894."