

***Descendants of Ann Maria Hibben and Calvin Brown Woodruff
and John McLain***

Generation No. 4.1

ANN MARIA⁴ HIBBEN (*William³, Thomas², John¹*) was born November 21, 1813 in Union Township, Fayette Co., PA, and died February 18, 1888 in Columbus, Franklin Co., OH. She married (1) **CALVIN BROWN WOODRUFF** October 07, 1830 in Clinton Co., OH, son of **JOEL WOODRUFF** and **MARY** (unknown). He was born February 07, 1808 in SC, and died December 13, 1839. She married (2) **JOHN McLAIN** March 04, 1841 in Washington Court House, Fayette Co., OH. He was born January 01, 1802 in Wheeling, Ohio Co., WVA/VA, and died May 06, 1868 in Clinton Co., OH.

Children of **ANN HIBBEN** and **CALVIN WOODRUFF** are:

- i. **ELIZA RUTH⁵ WOODRUFF**, b. January 11, 1833, OH; d. December 25, 1882, Yellow Springs, Greene Co., OH. She m. **EPHRAIM THOMAS LEAMING** Abt. 1849; b. 1812, PA; d. November 03, 1895, Springfield, Clark Co., OH.
- ii. **SARAH J. WOODRUFF**, b. Abt. 1837.
- iii. **JOSEPH OLIVER WOODRUFF**, b. January 04, 1838, Fayette Co., OH; d. July 29, 1866, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH. He m. **SARAH ELIZABETH STUCKER** July 21, 1859, Keytesville Landing, Chariton Co., MO; b. November 16, 1842, IN; d. January 19, 1935, Yellow Springs, Greene Co., OH.

Children of **ANN HIBBEN** and **JOHN McLAIN** are:

- i. **WILLIAM HIBBEN⁵ McLAIN**, b. February 02, 1842, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH; d. July 29, 1908, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH. He m. **CYNTHIA B. TAYLOR** September 03, 1868, Clinton Co., OH; b. May 12, 1845, Greenfield, Highland Co., OH; d. February 21, 1929, Columbus, Franklin Co., OH.
- ii. **SALLY JENNIE McLAIN**, b. June 16, 1846, Clinton Co., OH; d. August 24, 1910, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH. She m. **NATHAN MILLIKAN** November 30, 1865, Clinton Co., OH; b. January 25, 1839, Clinton Co., OH; d. November 15, 1915, Clinton Co., OH.
- iii. **RUTH ANN McLAIN**, b. March 11, 1848, Clinton Co., OH; d. October 31, 1888, Washington Court House, Fayette Co., OH. She m. (1) **WARREN S. FULLER** October 24, 1867, Clinton Co., OH; b. May 17, 1843, Clinton Co., OH; d. February 05, 1869, Fayette Co., OH. She m. (2) **JEROME D. SMITH** January 19, 1871, Clinton Co., OH; b. July 1843, OH; d. May 12, 1902, Washington Court House, Fayette Co., OH.
- iv. **JAMES W. McLAIN**, b. July 21, 1851; d. October 07, 1861, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH.

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ANN MARIA HIBBEN 1813 - 1888
and husbands
CALVIN BROWN WOODRUFF 1808 - 1839
JOHN McLAIN 1802 - 1868

*I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage
the anguish of your bereavement,
and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost,
and the solemn pride that must be yours,
to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of Freedom.*

Abraham Lincoln, November 1864

Ann Maria Marries At The Age Of Seventeen And Becomes A Widow At Twenty-six

Ann Maria Hibben was born November 21, 1813, in Uniontown, Pennsylvania.¹ She was the first child of William Hibben and Elizabeth Springer and the fourth grandchild of Thomas and Mary Hibben. When she was just three years old, she was taken to Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio where her father had become a merchant, and where she would spend the rest of her life. On October 7, 1830, she married Calvin Brown Woodruff. He was twenty-two years old and Ann Maria was only seventeen. She was allowed to marry “on the personal consent of William Hibben, her father.”² Calvin, along with William Hibben, were officers of the newly incorporated town of Wilmington. Calvin had been elected Recorder on March 2, 1829.³

They had three children: Eliza Ruth Woodruff, born about 1831; Sarah J. Woodruff, born about 1837; and Joseph Oliver Woodruff, born January 4, 1838. Sarah may have died at an early age. About two years later on December 13, 1839, their father, Calvin, died.⁴ (Information about the two children who attained maturity and married can be found in Chapter IV, Generation 5.1 and 5.2).

Ann Maria Marries Again And Raises A Second Family

Then, fifteen months later, Ann Maria married John McLain who was fifteen years her senior.⁵ They had five children: William Hibben McLain, born February 2, 1842;⁶ Sally Jennie McLain, born June 16, 1846;⁷ Ruth Ann McLain, born March 11, 1848;⁸ James W. McLain, born July 21, 1851; and another son who died in infancy. James died at the age of ten.⁹ (Information about the three children who attained maturity and married can be found in Chapter IV, Generation 5.3)

Little documentation has been found about the lives of Ann and her husbands. It is known, however, that Ann’s son, Joseph Oliver Woodruff, and Warren S. Fuller, her daughter Ruth Ann’s husband, died from Civil War related illnesses in 1866 and 1869, respectively. John McLain died May 6, 1868.

John McLain, deceased, was born near Wheeling, W. Va., January 1, 1802. He was the son of John and Jane (Purcell) McLain, he of Irish, and she of Scotch descent. He came to Ohio with his parents in his youth and remained in this State until his death, which occurred May 6, 1868. On March 4, 1841, while living at Washington, Fayette Co., Ohio, he was married to Ann Maria Woodruff, by whom

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*he had five children, three sons and two daughters, of whom one son died in infancy, and another at the age of ten years. The three remaining children are now married and living near the place of their birth in Clinton County. In the fall of 1843, Mr. McLain moved to this county and settled on a farm near Wilmington where he engaged in farming, and where he remained until his death. He was a staunch Republican and a true Christian gentleman, though not a member of any church.*¹⁰

Ann lived on for another twenty years. The 1880 US Census records her as a widow living with her seventeen year old granddaughter Jennie Woodruff in Union Township, Clinton County, Ohio.¹¹ She died there on February 18, 1888.

*Mrs. Ann McLain died on her farm near Wilmington on last Saturday after several weeks of extreme suffering. Deceased was born in Uniontown, Pa., November 21, 1813, and came to Ohio with her parents in early childhood. She was the daughter of William Hibben, a pioneer merchant of this place, and the greatest part of her life was spent here. Her husband has long been deceased, but a son and two daughters survive her. . . Mrs. McLain was a conscientious, plain, straight-forward, good woman, loved and admired by her relatives and friends, respected by the whole community.*¹²

Ann and John McLain are buried at Sugar Grove Cemetery, Wilmington, Ohio.¹³
(Plate 2)

Generation 4.1 End Notes:

- ¹ William Hibben Family Bible, in possession of George C. Hibben as of 2008. "Anne Mariah Hibben Daughter of William and Elizabeth Hibben, was born on the 21st day of November in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirteen 1813."
- ² *Clinton County, Ohio, Court House Marriage Records*, volume 2, page 94.
- ³ *History of Clinton County, Ohio*, 1882, Chicago, Illinois, (W. H. Beers & Co.), page 513.
- ⁴ Woodruff Family Bible originally owned by Joel Woodruff. In possession of Grace Leaming as of 1965. As of 2008 possession and location unknown. "Calvin Brown Woodruff born February 7, 1808, Calvin Brown Woodruff died Thursday Dec. 13th 1839."
- ⁵ Springer Family Archives, Family Group Record #242.
- ⁶ Ibid.
- ⁷ Ibid.
- ⁸ Ibid.
- ⁹ Tombstone inscription, Sugar Grove Cemetery, Wilmington, Ohio, section 3, lot 17, "James W., son of J. & A. McLain died Oct. 7, 1861 aged 10y. 2m. 16d."
- ¹⁰ *History of Clinton County, Ohio*, [Note 3], page 886.
- ¹¹ US Census 1880, T9-1001, page 159A, household 170, Union Township, Clinton County, Ohio.
- ¹² *Wilmington Journal*, Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, February 22, 1888.
- ¹³ Tombstone inscriptions. Section 3, Lot 19, "Ann Marie Hibben, wife of John McLain died Feb. 18, 1888, aged 75 y, 2 m, 27 d" and Section 3, Lot 17, "John McLain died May 6, 1868, aged 66 y, 4 m, & 5 d."