

George E. Hibben and Patience M. Quinn

Generation No. 4.2

GEORGE E.⁴ HIBBEN (*William³, Thomas², John¹*) was born May 30, 1816 in PA, and died April 21, 1861 in Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH. He married **PATIENCE M. QUINN** February 22, 1842 in Hillsboro, Highland Co., OH, daughter of **JAMES QUINN** and **PATIENCE TEAL**. She was born October 1816 in OH, and died November 1900 in Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH.

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and
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One associates with one's ancestors at one's own risk.¹

John McPhee

It is recorded that George E. Hibben died a painful death at an asylum near Dayton, Ohio on April 21, 1861. Just a year earlier the Census of 1860 described him as insane, and real estate transactions, as early as January 1859, suggest that the family was preparing for his impending demise.

George Becomes A Merchant And Marries Patience M. Quinn

George was born in Pennsylvania, probably Fayette County, on May 30, 1816.² He was the second child and first son of William Hibben and Elizabeth Springer. It is likely that his middle name was Entriken. On August 11, 1816, George's uncle James Hibben wrote to his brother, Thomas Hibben:

Brother William and family are all well. His wife had a young son a short time since. He is as proud of it as a peacock of its feathers. It is a fine child but not very handsome.³

It is probable that George worked for his father as a young man and he is recorded by the Census of 1850 as a merchant.⁴ No deeds or mortgage documents have been found which indicate that he owned his own commercial property, so he most likely assisted his father. At the age of twenty-seven, on February 22, 1842, George married Patience M. Quinn in Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio.⁵ Patience was the daughter of Reverend James Quinn, a Methodist Minister and family friend of George's uncles, John and Samuel Entriken Hibben of Hillsboro. George and Patience did not have children.

William Hibben stated in his will that during his lifetime he had given most of his children real estate of comparable value. A gift to George was made of several acres on Cuba Road for \$1 on February 24, 1848.⁶

Family Prepares For George's Death

On January 4, 1859, William Hibben purchased Lots #19 and #20 in Faulkner's Addition in Wilmington from George and Patience Hibben for \$1,500.⁷ On the same day William sold the same lots to Patience Hibben for the same amount.⁸ It is believed that these transactions were made in anticipation of George's death. They removed the property from George's estate and gave clear title to Patience.

The nature of George's illness is not known, but it is clear that he could not be cared for at home and was committed to an asylum where he died.

DIED Near Dayton, Ohio on Sunday morning the 22d inst. after a protracted and most painful illness, Geo. E. Hibben, formerly of this place. On Monday his

THE WILLIAM HIBBEN LINE

*remains were brought to this place, and on Tuesday they were deposited in Sugar Grove Cemetery.*⁹

Patience Is A Widow For Thirty-nine Years

Patience remained in Wilmington and supported herself. An advertisement placed in 1867 stated: *MILLINERY - Mrs. P. M. Hibben, would say to the ladies of Wilmington and vicinity, that she is prepared to attend to all calls in her line of business. Please give her a call. Residence: Main st., opposite Pierce House.*¹⁰ William Hibben, Patience's father-in-law, also look after her well being. Before he died he participated in the sale of a property by Patience¹¹ and in another transaction sold his rights to Patience for \$1.¹² William also made special provision for Patience in his will and codicil, bequeathing her \$300. The Census in 1870 records that she was 52 years old, a dress maker and owned real estate with a value of \$2,500 and personal property with a value of \$500.¹³

Patience moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, some time in the early 1880s, and lived with the Thomas Q. Hildebrant family. Thomas Hildebrant's deceased first wife had been Eleanor Matilda Quinn, Patience's half sister. Patience's last years were spent in a home for the aged.¹⁴ When she died in November, 1900, her remains were brought to the home of Sally and Nathan Millikan.

*The body of Mrs. Patience Hibben was brought to Wilmington Saturday last from Cincinnati for interment. Deceased was the widow of the late George Hibben and was a resident of this place for many years. For the past ten or fifteen years she had lived in the Old Ladies' Home in Cincinnati, and died there on Friday. She was a native of Highland County, her maiden name was Quinn and her marriage to Mr. Hibben took place in 1840. Funeral services were held at the grave and interment made Sunday afternoon.*¹⁵

Patience was buried in Sugar Grove in the same lot in which her husband had been buried so many years before.¹⁶

Information About Patience Quinn's father, Reverend James Quinn

During the year 1807, Rev. James Quinn was on the Highland circuit for his second year, and as he was the first of the itinerant preachers of the county, and deservedly venerated by all its people of the present day, and characteristics and anecdotes will doubtless be thankfully received. Rev. Mr. Quinn spent much of the prime of his life in Southern Ohio, and from his partiality to the people of our country, when he felt the winter of his earthly existence closing around him came to reside permanently among its smiling and peaceful hills, the better to enjoy the society and hospitality of its inhabitants. He was born, April 1st, 1775, in Washington county, Pennsylvania. His parents were from Ireland and, were among the first adventurers who crossed the mountains and formed the settlement at Red Stone. In this pioneer settlement, he learned the characteristics and native worth of the noble old pioneers, and among them he first learned the great truths, to the dissemination of which he early dedicated to his life. He was admitted into the traveling connection of the M. E. Church by the Baltimore Conference May, 1790. He was then a mere youth under twenty years of age, and was placed on the Greenfield circuit embracing Washington and Fayette counties in

Pennsylvania. In the year 1800, he was appointed to the Pittsburgh circuit. In 1801, Mr. Quinn was ordained deacon at the Baltimore Conference, by Bishop Whatcoat and appointed to the Erie circuit, then for the first time supplied. In 1802, he was sent to the Winchester circuit, Pennsylvania. The following year he was sent by Bishop Asbury to the Red Stone circuit, lying in the Allegheny mountains. In 1803, he was married. At the close of Mr. Quinn's term at Red Stone, he was, at his own request, transferred to the Western Conference, and removed to Fairfield county, Ohio. The Western Conference, was that year held at a church near Cynthiana, Kentucky, in October, at which McKendress presided. At this session, James Quinn and John Meed were appointed to Hockhocking circuit, which then embraced vast and of course, almost a wilderness territory, covering nearly the whole of southeastern Ohio. In 1805, he was returned to the same circuit, and the following year, he and Peter Cartwright were placed on the Scioto circuit, which included Highland County. In 1829, he purchased a farm on hundred acres in this county, to which he subsequently moved his family, and made his permanent home. The farm lies in the present township of Union. The house was the old fashioned hewed log with stone chimneys, and he named it Rural Cottage. At this quiet retreat, he died on the first day of December 1847, aged seventy-two years.¹⁷

Generation 4.2 End Notes:

- ¹ John McPhee, *The Crofter and the Laird*, 1970, New York, New York, (Farrar, Straus and Giroux), page 159.
- ² William Hibben Family Bible, in possession of Phyllisann Hibben Curtis as of 2001. "George Hibben, son of William & Elizabeth Hibben, was born on the first day of June in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & sixteen 1816."
- ³ Letter to Thomas Hibben, Esq., Portsmouth, Scioto County, Ohio from James Hibben, Uniontown, 11th August 1816. Transcription of letter found in the Hibben folder at the Clinton County Historical Society.
- ⁴ US Census of 1850, M432-668, page 347, Household 407, Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio.
- ⁵ David N. McBride & Jane N. McBride, *Marriage Records of Highland County, Ohio 1805-1880*, 1981, (The Southern Ohio Genealogical Society), page 108.
- ⁶ *Clinton County, Ohio Court House Records of Deeds and Mortgages*, volume R, pages 259-60.
- ⁷ *Ibid.*, volume 3, pages 450-51.
- ⁸ *Ibid.*, volume 3, pages 510-11.
- ⁹ *Clinton Republican*, Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, April 26, 1861; Clinton County Cemetery Report, page 497, section 3, lot 15.
- ¹⁰ *Ibid.*, June 13, 1867.
- ¹¹ *Clinton County, Ohio Court House Records of Deeds and Mortgages*, volume 7, pages 433-34.
- ¹² *Ibid.*, volume 13, page 458.
- ¹³ US Census 1870, M593-1182, page 609, line 11, Wilmington, Union Township, Clinton County, Ohio.
- ¹⁴ US Census 1900, T623-1279, enumeration 227, sheet 5, line 76, "Inmate, Home of the Aged."
- ¹⁵ Newspaper, unknown, Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, November 26, 1900; clipping in Quinn family folder, Clinton County Historical Society, Wilmington, Ohio.
- ¹⁶ Sugar Grove Cemetery Records, Wilmington, Ohio, section 3, lot 15.
- ¹⁷ *The Portsmouth Times*, Portsmouth, Scioto County, Ohio, February 15, 1859. Written by Daniel Scott and reprinted from weekly chapters printed by the *Hillsboro Citizen*.