

Descendants of Sally Mary Hibben and Abraham Hivling

Generation No. 4.3

SALLY MARY⁴ HIBBEN (*William³, Thomas², John¹*) was born December 23, 1818 in Clinton Co., OH, and died March 26, 1888 in Greene Co., OH. She married **ABRAHAM HIVLING** September 27, 1837 in Clinton Co., OH, son of **JOHN HIVLING** and **SALOME ANKENEY**. He was born December 16, 1804 in Washington Co., MD, and died December 26, 1877 in Greene Co., OH.

Children of **SALLY HIBBEN** and **ABRAHAM HIVLING** are:

- i. **ELIZABETH A.⁵ HIVLING**, b. September 27, 1838, OH; d. November 16, 1873, Xenia, Greene Co., OH.
- ii. **JOHN ANKENEY HIVLING**, b. December 25, 1840, OH; d. March 15, 1891.
- iii. **WILLIAM HIBBEN HIVLING**, b. October 12, 1842, OH; d. September 12, 1862, Aboard U. S. Steamer Magnolia, at sea.
- iv. **SALLY N. HIVLING**, b. May 10, 1844, Greene Co., OH; d. May 25, 1906. She m. (1) **LORENZO HARPER** Bet. 1860-1870. She m. (2) **CHARLES E. SCHEY** Aft. 1870.
- v. **CHARLES BOSWORTH HIVLING**, b. June 16, 1848, Greene Co., OH; d. June 01, 1849, Greene Co., OH.
- vi. **KATE H. HIVLING**, b. 1850, Greene Co., OH. She m. **LEE W. FUNK** December 30, 1875, Greene Co., OH; b. August 1845, OH.
- vii. **EMILY J. HIVLING**, b. August 1855, Greene Co., OH; d. June 6, 1936, Mt. Vernon, NY. She m. **CHARLES F. STITT** Abt. 1877; b. October 1847, OH; d. 1917
- viii. **FRANK C. HIVLING**, b. December 1857, Greene Co., OH; d. August 21, 1902. He m. **ANNA T. EHRET** August 10, 1893, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI; b. May 1869, PA; died 1901.
- ix. **MARY E. HIVLING**, b. December 27, 1858, Greene Co., OH; d. July 23, 1919, Xenia, Greene Co., OH. She m. **GEORGE CRUM STOKES** October 26, 1882, Greene Co., OH; b. January 28, 1857, OH; d. September 18, 1941, Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH.

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SALLY MARY HIBBEN 1818 - 1888
and
ABRAHAM HIVLING 1804 - 1877

*O sailor boy on distant sea,
Afar from any shore,
Dost hear a voice in prayer for thee,
Amid the tempest's roar?
The sun in ocean slowly dips,
To meet the coming day;
The prayer of faith from trembling lips
Falls dead as lifeless clay.¹*

Rev. Henry Bascom Hibben

Mrs. Hivling was one of those patriotic women, who during the war devoted so much time and care to the soldiers, looking after the sick and wounded and attending to the comfort of the ones on the field, so far as it was in her power to do so. She was not only that, but she gave her then, only 2 sons, John A. and William Hibben to the war, one of whom never returned, and her memories of the war were ever alive to the last. She was a member of the Women's relief corps and it was her request that she would be buried under their auspices. . . .²

Sally Marries Into The Prominent Hivling Family Of Xenia

Sally Mary Hibben was the third child of William Hibben and Elizabeth Springer, born in Clinton County, probably Wilmington, Ohio, on December 23, 1818.³ While there is little documentation about her personally, her life story is contained in that of her husband and children. She married Abraham Hivling on September 27, 1837, in Clinton County.⁴ Abraham, who was thirteen years older than Sally, had been living in Wilmington and had worked in the William Hibben store. They settled in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio where Abraham's father, John, was a pioneer and very successful business man. John owned several thousand acre tracts of land north and west of Xenia, "all of the land north of Church Street as far out as the fairgrounds, a dry goods store, the Hivling House Hotel, the Bank and bank building, and, in fact the entire block of S. Detroit St. on the east side from Main St. to Second St. was called the Hivling Block."⁵ When John Hivling's private bank was reorganized under the Kelley Banking Act of 1845, Abraham became the first president of the Xenia Branch of the new State Bank. He later worked with his father as a wool merchant and later managed the business.

Around the corner of Detroit Street, and a little south, is another hotel site. Here in the old days was the Hivling House. John Hivling owned most of the two blocks south of the courthouse: on the west side of Detroit Street stood his wool warehouse, on the east side his bank and hotel. He influenced the terms of the franchise given the first railroad, by which it was required to lay its tracks close to the gutter before his hotel. Trains halted there, and legend has it that before there were proper sidewalks he built a platform from the track to his hotel, so that anyone alighting from the cars found himself face to face with the hotel clerk.⁶

Sally And Abraham Build A Mansion And Live To Be Septuagenarians

The accumulated wealth derived from his employment, investments and inheritance from his father, who died in 1860, enabled Abraham Hivling to build a thirty-two room Greek Revival home in Xenia in 1863. It is believed that it was built on a grand scale so that it would exceed in grandeur all of the houses of his eleven sisters. Each of the sisters had been given homes as wedding presents by their father, who didn't provide similarly for Abraham. After Abraham's death Sally lived in this large house for four years at which time she sold it. The home is on the National Register of Historic Places.⁷

Abraham Hivling died at the age of seventy-three on December 26, 1877.⁸ Sally lived until March 26, 1888. Both are buried in Woodland Cemetery, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio.

*Mrs. Abram Hivling died in Xenia on Monday evening of last week, of pneumonia and heart trouble, in the seventieth year of her age. The deceased was born in Wilmington, December 23, 1818, and was the daughter of the late William Hibben. She was married in 1838, and for nearly fifty years since has been a resident of Xenia. During the war she was one of those women who devoted so much time and care to the soldiers. . . Mrs. Nancy B. Fife of this place, was with her for several days previous to her death. The deceased had many acquaintances in Wilmington.*⁹

Sally Mary Hivling bequeathed one portrait of her late husband, a breast pin, with the likeness of sons John and Hibben, and the Hivling bible to daughter Mary E. Stokes. She bequeathed another portrait of Abraham Hivling and the Hibben family bible to daughter Emma J. Stitt. These family artifacts and documents have not been located.¹⁰

Information About Sally And Abraham's Children

On September 27, 1838, Sally and Abraham's first child, Elizabeth A. Hivling was born. The 1870 Census recorded Elizabeth at home with her parents, at the age of thirty.¹¹ Just three years later on November 20, 1873, she died.¹² It is assumed that she had not married due to being in ill health most of her life.

John Ankeney Hivling was their second child, born on December 25, 1840. He attended school in the village of Xenia and then attended a military school in Hartford, Connecticut. After graduating, he lived with his aunt, Mrs. Fife, in Wilmington, Ohio. In 1860, at the age of 19, he was recorded as a clerk in Xenia, probably working for his father. On July 29, 1862, he enlisted as a Private in Company H, 94th regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry.¹³ He was captured in Kentucky in the fall of 1862, but paroled on December 11th. On April 16, 1863, he was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant and then to 1st Lieutenant and acting Quarter Master on March 1, 1864. On March 26, 1865, after the battle of Bentonville, North Carolina,¹⁴ he was listed as missing in action. He had been captured again. At the end of the war he was paroled near Savannah, Georgia and sent to Army Headquarters, Hilton Head, North Carolina. He was discharged on May 26, 1865, just a few days before the regiment was mustered out. Of the many Hibben descendants who served in the Civil War, John earned more promotions, was captured more often and seemed to suffer least from the experience. He did not apply for an invalid pension.

After the war John returned to his clerk position in his father's wool business and then managed it after his father died in 1877. He also managed the Xenia opera house for more than fifteen years, and in 1883, was elected City Clerk. He was just a few months past his fiftieth

birthday when he died on March 15, 1891. His death signaled the end of the Hivling family wool business in Xenia after three generations and seventy years.

CITY CLERK HIVLING Has Finished His last Record. A Good Public Officer and a Brave Soldier Answers Death's Dread Call.

While Mr. Hivling, like many of the human race, had grave defects of character, he had many admirable points which drew to him the warm friendship of many persons and made him popular with the public. Though abrupt and often cutting in his talk, there was really nothing harsh or unkind in his nature, and his evident sensitiveness when persons retorted in kind was ample proof of his kindness of intention. . . .Of Mr. Hivling's family there is remaining his brother, Frank C. Hivling, of Columbus; his sisters, Mrs. Harper of Cincinnati; Mrs. Lee Funk, of Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Chas. Stitt, of Chicago, and Mrs. Geo. Stokes, of this city.¹⁵

William Hibben Hivling was born October 12, 1842, probably in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio. Nothing is known of his early boyhood, nor why he, at the age of nineteen, joined the Navy of the United States in New York City, rather than the local Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Navy Department records list him as “*Mate, 23 June 1862. Died on Magnolia, 12 September 1862.*”¹⁶ His first and only cruise began on July 27, 1862, when he sailed on the *Magnolia*, a wooden side wheel steamer; built at Greenpoint, New York in 1857; impressed by the Confederacy at New Orleans, Mississippi in January 1862; captured by Union ships in the Gulf of Mexico in February 1862; repaired at New York and re-commissioned on July 22, 1862.¹⁷ Excerpts from Hibben's letter dated August 14, 1862, to the Xenia Torchlight and the ship's log document the fateful cruise.

We left New York on the twenty-seventh of July, for Key West; but when off Charleston we captured the English ship Memphis, which had run the blockade the night before, this caused us to turn about and convoy her into New York, where we arrived safely on the third of August; after delivering our prize over to the proper authorities and repairing our vessel, we again got underway bound south. Our first stopping place was off the harbor of Wilmington, N. C. After delivering our dispatches to the blockading fleet off that place, we stood down for Charleston.

On the morning of the eleventh we hailed the fleet off Charleston. From our position off that hot bed of Rebellion we could plainly see the city, with Forts Sumter, Moultrie and Pinckney grimly guarding the entrance to the only city on the Atlantic Coast which our canister and shell have not yet reached; but her fate is sealed, and a dark cloud is now hovering over her, which will shortly burst, and the old Star Spangled Banner will again float from Sumter, never again to be hauled down by rebel hands. . .

We are now boiling along through the water at fifteen knots an hour, bound for Fernandina, Florida; from there to Key West, then to New Orleans, then up the Mississippi. Our ship is one of the fastest boats in the Navy, and the fact of our overhauling the Memphis, proves that we have a sharp Captain for our commander. My share of the prize will amount to over \$5,000 -- pretty good for one week's work. I will occasionally write and give you the news in this part of

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the world, and if you hear of an action in which the Magnolia is engaged, rest assured that Greene county's representative on board of her will be found in his place.

*Yours truly, WM. H. HIBBLING, Acting Ensign, U. S. Navy
Key West, Aug. 19th, 1862.*

Since writing my last epistle to you, I have found no chance to mail it, so I will proceed with the account of our trip to his place. . . .

When off Florida reefs we were boarded by a lighthouse keeper, who wished to take passage with us to Key West. From him we learned the alarming news that the Yellow Fever was raging at Key West; but our orders were imperative, we had to go to Key West. We arrived here safely on the afternoon of the seventeenth, and found that the reports were greatly exaggerated in regard to the yellow fever.¹⁸

Log entries of the Magnolia signed by W. H. H. appear from the initial entries made in July 1862 through August 19, 1862. On August 22, 1862, this log entry was made. "*Wm. Hivling excused from duty on account of fever.*" The log dated September 13, 1862 states that on the previous day "*while ship lying at Key West, Acting Masters Mate Wm. Hivling left the ship to report on board the prize steamer Columbia for duty.*" Other entries during September record that many men were sent to hospital, a doctor visited the ship, some deaths occurred and that the vessel was fumigated by burning tar.¹⁹

The Xenia Torchlight reported:

We are sorry to hear of the death of Hibben Hivling, son of A. Hivling, Esq. He was on his return from the gulf squadron, sick, when he died two days out from New York, and was consigned to the deep. Our readers will remember a letter from him in our paper a short time since.²⁰

The log entries do not agree with either the Navy records or the Torchlight notice of the place of death. It is unlikely that Hibben Hivling died the day he transferred to another vessel for duty, or at sea two days out from New York. The circumstances of his death are not clear. A memorial headstone with the inscription, HIBBEN, was placed in the Hivling family lot in Woodland Cemetery, Xenia, Ohio.²¹

Sally N. Hivling was born May 10, 1844, in Greene County, Ohio. At the time of her mother's death she was married to Lorenzo Harper and lived in Cincinnati.²² Sometime after 1891 she married Charles E. Schey. Sally Schey died May 25, 1903, in Cincinnati, Ohio and was buried at Woodland Cemetery, Xenia.²³

Charles Bosworth Hivling was born June 16, 1848, in Greene County, Ohio and died on June 1, 1849, of scarlet fever.²⁴

Kate H. Hivling was born about 1850 and became the wife of Lee W. Funk. They lived in Washington, DC where Lee was employed as a government clerk.²⁵ They had two children, Elizabeth H. Funk, born December 1877, and Edward C. Funk, born May 1879. The US Census of 1900 records Lee and the children, but not Kate.²⁶

Emily J. Hivling, known as Emma, was born in August, 1855. She married Charles F. Stitt and lived in Chicago, Illinois before returning to reside in Clark County, Ohio.²⁷ The US Census of 1900 records that Charles was a salesman and they had two children. Nancy H. Stitt

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was born in July 1878 in Ohio and her brother, Phillip H. Stitt, was born in 1889, in Illinois.²⁸ Emily J. Stitt died June 6, 1936.

*Ashes of Mrs. Emily Stitt, native Xenian, who died at her home in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., were placed on the family lot in Woodland Cemetery here.*²⁹

Frank C. Hivling was born in December, 1857. He married Anna T. Ehret August 10, 1893 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.³⁰ The 1900 Census records that they did not have children, and he was in the wool trade.³¹ Frank died at the age of about forty-six in 1902. Anna Hivling, at the age of thirty-two, predeceased Frank in 1901. Both are buried at Woodland Cemetery in Xenia.³²

Mary Elizabeth “Minnie” Hivling was born December 27, 1858 in Xenia, Ohio where she lived her entire life.³³ She married George Crum Stokes on October 26, 1882.

*Mrs. Stokes, maiden name was Mary Eliza Hivling, and she was the daughter of Abraham and Sallie Hibben Hivling. Her family was prominent in Xenia, and her father was president of the old First National Bank. The stately Kinney home on East Second Street, was built by Mr. Hivling and was the old Hivling homestead. Mrs. Stokes was born in Xenia, December 27, 1859, and received her education in the Xenia schools, graduating from the local high school.*³⁴

*Mr. Stokes, a graduate of the old Xenia College on E. Church St., was connected with the Miami Powder Co. at Goes for more than forty years and served as clerk of the board of county commissioners for eleven years, prior to 1935 when he retired.*³⁵

Minnie and George had three children: Edith Harriet, born October 11, 1884;³⁶ Marguerite H., born November 29, 1886;³⁷ and George Hivling Stokes, born December 10, 1889.³⁸

Minnie Stokes died in July 23, 1919. George Crum Stokes remarried on July 30, 1925 to Carrie Irene Bowman who had previously been married to LeRoy Robertson. George died September 11, 1941 at the Orchard Springs Sanitarium in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio and was buried at Woodland Cemetery in Xenia next to Minnie.³⁹ Carrie died September 28, 1945 in Cincinnati, Ohio and was buried at the Lebanon Cemetery in Lebanon, Ohio.

Son George was elected the mayor of Troy, Ohio. Daughter Edith married John W. Gardner.

*John W. Gardener is 24 years of age on the 20 day of Nov. 1907, residence is Xenia, OH, his occupation is R. R. Clerk, his father's name is J. W. Gardener, his mother's name was Carrie E. Kephart.*⁴⁰

Generation 4.3 End Notes:

¹ Rev. Henry Bascom Hibben, “Fatalism Irrational,” *The Ladies’ Repository: A monthly periodical, devoted to literature, arts and religion*, Cincinnati, Ohio, (Methodist Episcopal Church), October 1869, volume 4, issue 4, page 298.

² *Xenia Daily Gazette*, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, March 27, 1888.

³ William Hibben Family Bible, “Sally Mary Hibben daughter of William and Elizabeth Hibben was Born on the twenty third day of December, in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighteen 1818.”

⁴ *Clinton County, Ohio, Court Marriage Records*, volume 3, page 109; *Clinton County Marriage Index 1810-1900*, page 204.

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- ⁵ Arthur R. Kilner, *Greene County, Ohio — Past and Present*, 1977, (Heritage Books, Inc.), pages 316-19.
- ⁶ Helen Hooven Santmyer, *Ohio Town, A Portrait of Xenia*, 1984, New York, New York, (Harper & Row), page 32.
- ⁷ Kilner, *Greene County, Ohio — Past and Present*, [Note 5], pages 144-45.
- ⁸ George F. Robinson, *Robinson's History of Greene County, Ohio*, 1902, Chicago, Illinois, (S. J. Clark Publishing Company), page 321.
- ⁹ *Wilmington Journal*, Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, Obituary, April 4, 1888.
- ¹⁰ Last will and testament of Sally Mary Hivling, March 13, 1888, Greene County, Ohio Court Records, file box 143, roll 114.
- ¹¹ US Census 1870, M593-1205, page 311, Xenia Ward 3, Greene County, Ohio.
- ¹² Springer Family Archives, Family Group Record #244.
- ¹³ Civil War Military Records, National Archives and Records Administration.
- ¹⁴ Frederick H. Dyer, *Dyer's Compendium of the War of the Rebellion*, 1908, (Torch Press of Cedar Rapids, Iowa), Ohio 94th Regiment Infantry.
- ¹⁵ *Xenia Daily Gazette*, [Note 2], March 16, 1891.
- ¹⁶ Edward W. Callahan, editor, *List of Officers of the Navy of the United States and of the Marine Corps from 1775 to 1900*, 1969, New York, N. Y. (Haskell House Publishers Ltd.), page 268.
- ¹⁷ *Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships, Volume IV*, 1969, Washington DC, (Navy Department, Naval History Division), page 193.
- ¹⁸ *Xenia Torchlight*, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, September 3, 1862.
- ¹⁹ Log of the Magnolia, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC.
- ²⁰ *Xenia Torchlight*, [Note 18], October 1, 1862.
- ²¹ Woodland Cemetery, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, section B.
- ²² *Xenia Daily Gazette*, [Note 2].
- ²³ *Ibid.*, May 27, 1903, page 8.
- ²⁴ *Xenia Torchlight*, [Note 14], June 21, 1849.
- ²⁵ *Xenia Daily Gazette*, [Note 2].
- ²⁶ US Census 1900, T623-160, enumeration 51, sheet 8, line 51, 1545 T Street, Washington, DC.
- ²⁷ *Xenia Daily Gazette*, [Note 2].
- ²⁸ US Census 1900, T623-1245, enumeration 4, sheet 2, line 9, Greene Township., Clark County, Ohio.
- ²⁹ Unknown Newspaper, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, June 22, 1936.
- ³⁰ Michigan Marriages, 1868-1925, Film 2344297, Digital folder 4207818, Image 92, reference item 4, p 469 rn 14427. "Groom - Frank C. Heving [Hivling], 36, b. 1857 Ohio, father - Abram Heving [Hivling], mother - Sally M. Hibben, Bride - Anna Ehret, 25, b. 1868 Ohio, father - Jos. Ehret, mother - unknown, Marriage - Detroit, Wayne, Michigan."
- ³¹ US Census 1900, T623-1275, enumeration 98, sheet 14, line 82, 5 Detroit Street, Xenia, Xenia Township, Greene County, Ohio, "born December 1857."
- ³² Woodland Cemetery, [Note 21], "FRANK C. HIVLING 1856-1902."
- ³³ Death Certificate, #43183, Greene County, Ohio, "Date of Birth - Dec. 27, 1858;" Obituary [Note 32] "Mrs. Stokes was born in Xenia, December 27, 1859."
- ³⁴ *The Evening Gazette*, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, July 23, 1919.
- ³⁵ *The Bridgeport News Blade*, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, September 18, 1941.
- ³⁶ Birth Certificate, Probate Court Records, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, volume 3A, page 423.
- ³⁷ Greene County, Ohio Births, volume II 1880-1892. "female Stokes, b. 29 Nov.. 1886 to George C. Stokes and Minnie Hivling."

³⁸ Ibid., “George Hivling Stokes b. 10 Dec. 1889, Xenia to George C. Stokes and Mary Elizabeth Hivling;” US Census 1900, T623-1272, enumeration 97, sheet 23, line 4, 310 E. Church Street, Xenia, Xenia Township, Greene County, Ohio.

³⁹ Unknown newspaper, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, September 18, 1941; Death Certificate, #56479, Montgomery County, Ohio.

⁴⁰ Probate Court Records [marriage], Greene County, Ohio, volume 13, page 395.