

Descendants of Thomas Enriken Hibben and Mary Jane McLean

Generation No. 4.7

THOMAS ENTRIKEN⁴ HIBBEN (*William³, Thomas², John¹*) was born June 19, 1830 in Wilmington, Clinton County, OH, and died December 07, 1861 in Wilmington, Clinton County, OH. He married **MARY JANE McLEAN** September 09, 1857 in St. Clair Co., IL, daughter of **MILTON N. McLEAN** and **MARY JOHNSTON**. She was born October 1836 in OH, and died September 07, 1900 in AL.

Children of **THOMAS HIBBEN** and **MARY McLEAN** are:

- i. **MARTHA ELIZABETH⁵ HIBBEN**, b. October 17, 1858, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH; d. May 11, 1937, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., OH.
- ii. **MARY McLEAN HIBBEN**, b. August 22, 1860, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH; d. September 20, 1958, New York City, NY. She m. (1) **GEORGE PERKINS** Abt. 1889. She m. (2) **RICHARD ZIESING** Abt. 1894, La Salle, La Salle Co., IL; b. March 05, 1860, Granville, Putnam Co., IL; d. March 09, 1935, Vero Beach, FL.

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THOMAS ENTRIKEN HIBBEN 1830 - 1861
and
MARY JANE McLEAN 1836 - 1900

Thomas Is Raised By The McManis Sisters

Just a year after William Hibben married Martha McManis, Thomas Entriken Hibben was born on June 19, 1830, in Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio.¹ Their second child was born on August 28, 1833, and died the following day. A third child, Francis, was born June 13, 1834. It is believed that Francis died shortly thereafter, as did Martha, on July 9, 1834.² At the age of four, Thomas was left in the care of his father and half-sisters, Sally Mary and Rebecca Jane. Half-brothers, George age eighteen, Alpheus age twelve, and William age ten were also left again without a mother. Half-sister, Ann Maria had married in 1830.

It is likely that Martha's sister, Elizabeth McManis Magee, a widow, stepped in, shortly after Martha's death, to assist William in caring for his family. This arrangement proved to be suitable and agreeable for both widow and widower. Elizabeth and William were married just six months later on January 1, 1835.³ It is through Elizabeth's letters that we have a glimpse of Thomas' education and the value she placed on mercantile training in the Hibben store.

May 25, 1847 — *He [Thomas Entriken Hibben, age 17] has been able to go to school a goodeel through the winter. It is not such a school as we would wish. Mr. Patten has taught so long I expect he is tired of it. . . I don't know how it will be about his getting more education than he can acquire at home. Since your papa got new goods this spring he is in the store. I would rather he was there kept busy than to be at his school. You know a person can improve a greateel and attend to business if they have industrious minds and endeavor to always have some profitable subject before their minds. . .*⁴

October 31, 1847 — *Your papa had to go to Harveysburg today to take Entrican to school, we have concluded we had better send him there this winter as a good school is opening there and we think he will be surrounded by good society. . .*⁵

Thomas Establishes A Dry Goods Business But Dies At An Early Age

Evidently, Thomas elected to learn his father's trade and sometime before his marriage in 1857, he had established his own dry goods business, T. E. Hibben, in Wilmington on the corner of Main and South streets.⁶

*MORE DRY GOODS. We again invite attention to the new advertisements of our Dry Goods Merchants, in this paper. Messrs. Grant Chaffin & Burr, and T. E. Hibben's have been added this week. The new stocks of goods are more than usually attractive this spring; at least, the ladies say so, and, of course, they know.*⁷

And several years later another advertisement announced receipt of a second stock of Spring and Summer goods including shawls, ladies traveling baskets and French walking shoes, silk goods bonnets and notions.⁸ Thomas also invested in real estate⁹ and purchased several properties which had been leased. These properties, one of which was the 'Jail House Lot,' were

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sold to Thomas by his father in 1859, for \$2,125.¹⁰ It is likely that William Hibben, who was almost seventy years old, was transferring income producing assets to his son, Thomas. The US Census of 1860 recorded that Thomas' real estate investments were valued at \$9,000 and his personal property at \$17,000.¹¹

Thomas married Mary Jane McLean, daughter of Milton N. McLean and Mary Johnston. Mary Jane was born in October 1836 in Ohio, probably in Cincinnati. Milton attended Miami University and studied law in the office of Salmon P. Chase, who later became Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. About the time of Mary Jane's birth, her father purchased land titles in and about the village of Illinois Town opposite St. Louis. This area of St. Clair County Illinois was called the American Bottoms.

The Illinois Town to which Milton McLean came was developing as a commercial and manufacturing center. . . .The village contained 125 families, one wholesale iron store, two general stores, five groceries, two bakeries, one saddlery, two blacksmith shops, one cooper shop, one shoe makery, one tailory and two taverns or hotels, besides a promising weekly newspaper, The American Bottoms Gazette. . . . To this thriving settlement Milton McLean came to operate the distillery he had purchased, and make further investments in real estate. He was said to be the largest individual land owner in the town. Just when the future of Illinois Town seemed well assured, the disaster of previous times was repeated on an overwhelming scale. The Mississippi rose inch by inch during June 1844, until it covered the bottoms twelve feet deep. The people fled to the bluffs. Steamboats carrying relief supplies plied across what had been a valley, six miles wide. Home and businesses were destroyed; the newspaper was swept away, not to be revived for more than twenty years. 'The mark of 1844' has ever since been the standard of high water danger.

Milton McLean did not give up hope on account of the flood. He continued his business interests in Illinois Town and removed his family there in 1850. The next year, however, the river rose to a point only four feet less than that attained in 1844. . . .Milton McLean decided to sell the distillery and move to the city of St. Louis. He was associated in practice there with Church Blackburn, a leading criminal lawyer at the time, and with Charles P. Johnson, who was later Lieutenant Governor of Missouri. He died July 2, 1855. The members of the St. Louis bar paid the highest honors to his memory, saying that 'he ranked with the first young men of the West in view of talent, integrity and all the virtues.' After her husband's death, Mary W. McLean removed to the Shiloh Valley in St. Clair County, Illinois, where she reared her six children. . . .Mary W. McLean died February 9, 1877. Both she and her husband are buried in the cemetery of the Shiloh Church, one of the oldest churches in Illinois.¹²

Mary Jane was thirteen and attending school in the American Bottoms according to the census of 1850.¹³ On September 9, 1857 Thomas and Mary Jane were married in St. Clair County, Illinois.¹⁴ They returned to Thomas' home and dry goods business in Ohio where they had two daughters. Martha Elizabeth Hibben (a.k.a. Lillie) was born October 17, 1858 and Mary McLean Hibben (a.k.a. Minnie) was born on August 22, 1860, both in Wilmington, Ohio. On December 7, 1861, Thomas died suddenly. His obituary gives no clue to the illness which caused his death. He was buried in the William Hibben lot in Sugar Grove Cemetery.¹⁵

*DIED, At his residence in Wilmington, on Saturday evening the 7th inst. after a short illness, Mr. T. E. Hibben, aged 31 years. Mr. Hibben leaves a wife and two small children, who share largely in the sympathies of this community, in their bereavement.*¹⁶

Mary Jane Remarries And Raises A Second Family

It is believed that after Thomas' death, Mary Jane returned to Cincinnati, Ohio and married Robert Donovan Smith in 1863 or 1864. They had three children: Charles Donovan, born December 11, 1864; Celia Ann, born about 1867; and Walter Lane Smith, born January 31, 1869. The children were born in Iowa and Alabama, but the family settled and became well known in Memphis, Tennessee.

Mary Jane Smith died September 7, 1900 and is buried at Oak Hill Memorial Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama. Robert Donovan Smith died May 6, 1908 and is buried next to Mary Jane.¹⁷ (Additional information about the Smith family and descendants may be obtained from the author).

William Hibben was concerned about the welfare of his granddaughters, Lillie and Minnie, as they were known and recorded throughout their lives. He made special provisions for them in his will, and even after his death in 1869, the girls visited or lived with their aunt and uncle, Franklin and Rebecca Jane Corwin, in Illinois.¹⁸

*Third. I also direct my Executors to invest six thousand dollars (\$6,000) in such a manner as they may deem best the interest on which together with some such of the principal as may be necessary shall be paid over from time to time for the support and education of Lizzie [Lillie] and Minnie Hibben, children of my deceased son T. E. Hibben and said Executors shall when Lizzie [Lillie] and Minnie attain the age of eighteen years pay to each one half of so much of said six thousand dollars and interest thereon as shall remain unexpended for their support and education, but if either of said Lizzie [Lillie] or Minnie should die before arriving at the age of eighteen years the portion of the one or both so dying is to be distributed among my grandchildren as hereinafter provided and in case said Lizzie [Lillie] or Minnie or both should die before attaining the age of eighteen years I expressly direct that both or either so dying shall be buried by the side of their father T. E. Hibben in the Sugar Grove Cemetery near Wilmington Ohio and the expenses of such burial shall be paid by my executors out of said six thousand dollars.*¹⁹

Martha Elizabeth (Lillie) Hibben Never Marries.

As Lillie's obituary states, teaching was her occupation, and during her lifetime she kept close contact with her sister's family and those of her half sister and brothers. In 1929, when she would have been seventy-one, the five children were photographed at one such reunion, probably in Memphis, Tennessee.²⁰ Lillie lived alone in Cleveland, but was considered a part of Richard Ziesing's family and known as 'Tanta.' She died May 11, 1937, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Elisabeth [Elizabeth] Hibben of Park Lane Villa, sister of Mrs. Richard Ziesing of New York and formerly of 10610 Magnolia Drive N. E., died yesterday at Cleveland Clinic Hospital after an operation. Born at Wilmington, O., Miss Hibben was educated by private tutors and by foreign travel and attended the

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State Normal School at St. Paul, where she later became a member of the faculty of a private school for girls [Stanley Hall School].²¹ Coming to Cleveland, she became associate director and neighborhood visitor of the Cleveland Day Nursery and Free Kindergarten Association, with which she served eight years. Her great-grandfather, Col. John Johnston of Cincinnati, was a founder of Kenyon College. The late John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton University, was a cousin. Miss Hibben was widely known in Cleveland and other cities. She was a member of the former Saturday Evening Club, the Social Study Club, the Women's City Club and Euclid Avenue Congregational Church. Besides Mrs. Ziesing, Miss Hibben is survived by a half-sister, Miss Celia Smith of Memphis, Tenn., and two nephews, Richard Ziesing of Curtis Publishing Co., Philadelphia and Hibben Ziesing, New York.²²

WILMINGTON NATIVE DIES AT CLEVELAND *Funeral services for Miss Elizabeth Hibben, native of Wilmington, who died Tuesday following an operation, at Cleveland, will be conducted there Thursday. Miss Hibben was a member of a family that was well known in Wilmington business circles several decades ago. She was also a great-granddaughter of Col. John Johnston of Cincinnati, co-founder of Kenyon College.²³*

On March 14, 1938 Morgan S. Ketchum wrote to Celia Smith, Elizabeth's half-sister.
My Dear Teedee:

Can now make a final report to you on the business end of the Memorial Window that you gave to Euclid Avenue Congregational Church of Cleveland, Ohio, in memory of Tantè. The plaque has been made and mounted. It reads as follows: "In Memory of Elizabeth Hibben. She rendered a Gracious Service in the Social Ministries of Cleveland, and was a beloved member of this church for 32 years." The plaque is bronze, beautifully and artistically made. . . . You should be proud of what you have so beautifully done in Tantè's memory, as everyone that has seen the window is pleased no end.²⁴

Mary McLean (Minnie) Hibben is the subject of Chapter IV, Generation 5.5.

Information About Mary Jane McLean's Grandfather, Colonel John Johnston

John Johnston was born on March 25, 1775, in Ireland of Scottish parents. His family immigrated to America in 1786. He married Rachael Hoping Robinson²⁵ on July 15, 1802, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. They had fifteen children between 1803 and 1830. One of them was Mary Johnston who was born November 28, 1813, in Piqua, Miami County, Ohio. She married Milton McLean²⁶ on June 10, 1834, on the Johnston farm in Piqua, Ohio.²⁷ Their daughter, Mary Jane McLean married (1) Thomas Entriken Hibben and (2) Robert Donovan Smith.

Johnston was Indian commissioner at Fort Wayne, Indiana supporting the campaigns of General William Henry Harrison during the War of 1812. Later he was appointed Indian commissioner in Ohio. The pinnacle of his national and state influence occurred in the early 1840s when he stumped for the Whig party which elected Harrison, as President of the United States, and Thomas Corwin, as Governor of Ohio. Several books have been written about the life of Colonel John Johnston and his distinguished career.²⁸

This background information is presented as evidence that the Johnston family was on close personal terms with the Corwin family. Thomas Corwin's nephew, Franklin Corwin had married Rebecca Jane Hibben in 1839.²⁹ It is possible that this Johnston—Corwin connection introduced Thomas Entriaken Hibben to Mary Jane McLean. Also, this relationship probably accounts for the presence of Lillie and Minnie Hibben in the Corwin home in Illinois in 1870.

Information Concerning The Distinguished Careers Of The McLean Brothers

Fergus McLean was born in Northern Ireland in 1763. He and Sophia Blackford married in New Jersey and raised four sons.³⁰ Their first son, about which the least is known, was Milton McLean, born September 24, 1781, and died July 2, 1855 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio.

John McLean, the second son, was born March 11, 1785 in Morris County, New Jersey and died April 4, 1861 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio. He became the member of the bar in Ohio in 1807 and was the founder of a newspaper, *The Western Star*. From 1813 to 1816 he was elected as a Representative of Ohio to the thirteenth and fourteenth Congresses of the United States. Subsequently he was appointed an Associate Judge of the Ohio Supreme Court. He then returned to Washington, DC where he was appointed Commissioner of the U.S. General Land Court, and then for six years served as U.S. Postmaster General. In 1829 President Jackson appointed him an Associate Judge of the U.S. Supreme Court where he served until his death.³¹

Nathaniel McLean, the third son, was born May 16, 1787 in Morris County, New Jersey. He was a printer and the editor of the *Minnesota Chronicle and Register*, as well as the Indian agent at Fort Snelling, Minnesota from 1849 to 1853.³² He also represented the U.S. Government at the negotiation and signing on July 23, 1851 of a treaty, at Traverse des Sioux on the Minnesota River, with the See-see-toan and Wah-pay-toan bands of Sioux Indians.³³ The Census of 1850 reveals that his wife and several of his children, including Eliza, lived with him during his tour of duty at Snelling.³⁴ At the time Eliza was married to Col. Isaac Young and had three children, Isabella, Robert and Hester. Nathaniel McLean died April 11, 1871 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.³⁵ In 1857 Eliza and Isaac Young moved to Leavenworth, Leavenworth County, Kansas where Eliza lived until her death at the age of eighty-nine in 1913.

As noted above, Nathaniel's son, Milton N. McLean, was the father of Mary Jane McLean, the subject of this section. Copies of Eliza McLean Young's obituary and In Memoriam statement, were found among the papers of Mary Jane McLean's grandson, Charles Donovan Smith. Eliza was Mary Jane's aunt and with only ten years age difference, most likely they were close friends.³⁶

William McLean was born August 10, 1794 in Mason County, Kentucky. He moved to his parents' farm in Warren County, Ohio, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1814. He practiced law in Cincinnati until 1820 when he became the receiver of public moneys in Piqua, Miami County, Ohio. (At the time John Johnston lived in Piqua and was the Indian Commissioner of Ohio.) He was elected to the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth Congresses and during his last session was the chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs while Col. John Johnston was Indian Commissioner in Ohio. William McLean died at an early age on October 12, 1839 in Cincinnati.³⁷

Generation 4.7 End Notes:

¹ William Hibben Bible Record, "Thomas Entriaken Hibben son of Wm & Martha Hibben was born on Saturday

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- the 19th of June AD 1830 between 7 & 8 O'clock AM.”
- ² Ibid., “Martha Hibben wife of William Hibben departed this life on Wednesday morning at about 8 O'clock 9th July A 1834 — aged 24 years 3 mo & 9 days.”
- ³ Ibid., “Wm Hibben & Elizabeth Magee was married on the 1st day of January 1835 by Geo. Bruce, Esq.”; Clinton County Marriage Index 1810-1900, page 204; Clinton County Marriages, volume 3, page 26.
- ⁴ Letter dated May 25, 1847 from Elizabeth Hibben to her son William Magee near Princeton in Bureau County, Illinois.
- ⁵ Ibid., October 31, 1847.
- ⁶ George W. Hawes, *Second Edition Geo. W. Hawes's State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1860-'61*, Indianapolis, Indiana, (George W. Hawes Publisher and Compiler), page 625.
- ⁷ *Clinton Republican*, Wilmington, Ohio, April 3, 1857.
- ⁸ Ibid., April 26, 1861.
- ⁹ *Clinton County, Ohio Court House Records of Deeds and Mortgages*, volume 5, page 592.
- ¹⁰ Ibid., volume 3, pages 552-53.
- ¹¹ US Census 1860, M623-946, page 72, household 522, Union Township, Clinton County, Ohio.
- ¹² Boylan, Josephine, “The McLeans of East St. Louis,” *The Illinois Journal of Commerce*, May 1936, pages 15-32.
- ¹³ US Census 1850, M432-126, page 111, line 1, district no. 6, American Bottom, St. Clair County, Illinois. Mary Jane's siblings were: John and Hester age 11, Nathaniel age 6 and Milton R. age 1. All were born in Ohio except Milton R. who was born in St. Clair County, Illinois.
- ¹⁴ Marriage Certificate, St. Clair County, Illinois, September 9, 1857.
- ¹⁵ Tombstone inscription, Sugar Grove Cemetery, Wilmington, Ohio, section 3, lot 18, “THOMAS E. HIBBEN, died Dec. 7, 1861, aged 31Y. 5 M. 18D.”
- ¹⁶ *Clinton Republican*, [Note 7], December 13, 1861.
- ¹⁷ Cemetery Records, Oak Hill Memorial Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama; Tombstone inscriptions.
- ¹⁸ US Census 1870, M593-224, sheet 626, household 68, Peru, La Salle County, Illinois.
- ¹⁹ Clinton County, Ohio, Wills, volume 2, page 230.
- ²⁰ Group photograph in possession of Louise Dearborn: Charles Donovan Smith, Celia Ann Smith, Walter Lane Smith, Martha Elizabeth Hibben, and Mary McLean Perkins/Ziesing.
- ²¹ US Census 1900, T623-768, enumeration 87, sheet 2, line 53, Pleasant Avenue, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.
- ²² Cleveland Public Library necrology file, unknown newspaper, Cleveland, Ohio, May 1937.
- ²³ Unknown newspaper, Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, May 12, 1937.
- ²⁴ Letter to Celia Ann Smith in Memphis, Tennessee from Morgan S. Ketchum, dated March 14, 1938; The window is one of a group of seven stained glass windows on the East 96th Street wall. The artist was R. Toland Wright of Cleveland, Ohio. It was dedicated February 13, 1938 and rededicated after restoration on January 24, 1993.
- ²⁵ Born July 12, 1785, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and died July 24, 1840, Piqua, Greene County, Ohio.
- ²⁶ Born about 1811 in Ohio.
- ²⁷ The Johnston house in Piqua is owned by the Ohio Historical Society and open to the public.
- ²⁸ Leonard Uzal Hill, *John Johnston and the Indians in the Land of the Three Miamis*, 1957, Piqua, Ohio; James C. Oda, *Col. John Johnston: The Piqua Years*, 1984, Piqua, Ohio, (Piqua Historical Society).
- ²⁹ See Chapter IV, Generation 4.4.
- ³⁰ Rootsweb WorldConnect, electronic; Rodger Smith's Family File.
- ³¹ Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, John McLean, 1785-1861; US Census 1850, M653-980, page 102, Springfield Township., Hamilton County, Ohio.
- ³² Ancestry.com, Minnesota Native Americans - 1851, pages 141-42.
- ³³ Charles J. Kappler, Editor, *Indian Affairs: Laws and Treaties*. Vol. II (Treaties), Washington: Government Printing Office, 1904.
- ³⁴ US Census 1850, M432-367, household 72, Fort Snelling & vicinity, Dakotah County., Minnesota Territory.

³⁵ Rootsweb WorldConnect, [Note 30].

³⁶ Transcriptions in possession of Louise Dearborn.

³⁷ Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, William McLean, 1794-1839.