

Descendants of Mary McLean Hibben and George Perkins and Richard Ziesing

Generation No. 5.5

MARY McLEAN⁵ HIBBEN (*Thomas Entriken⁴, William³, Thomas², John¹*) was born August 22, 1860 in Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH, and died September 20, 1953 in New York City, NY. She met (1) **GEORGE PERKINS** Abt. 1889. She married (2) **RICHARD ZIESING** Abt. 1894 in La Salle, La Salle Co., IL, son of **HENRY ZIESING** and **KATHERINE BRENNEMANN**. He was born March 05, 1860 in Granville, Putnam Co., IL, and died March 09, 1935 in Vero Beach, FL.

Child of **MARY HIBBEN** and **GEORGE PERKINS** is:

- i. **HESTER ELISABETH⁶ PERKINS ZIESING**, b. April 13, 1890; d. January 23, 1928, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., PA. She m. **MORGAN SCOTT KETCHUM**. June 07, 1919; b. October 15, 1883, OH; d. January 18, 1966, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., OH.

Children of **MARY HIBBEN** and **RICHARD ZIESING** are:

- i. **RICHARD BRENNEMANN⁶ ZIESING**, b. May 23, 1895, La Salle, La Salle Co., IL; d. January 10, 1968, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., OH. He m. (1) **MARTHA VIRGINIA DARDEN** January 25, 1923, Suffolk, VA; b. April 1895, Zuni, VA; d. July 02, 1951, Haverford, PA. He m. (2) **ELEANOR BRADLEY** June 26, 1952; b. January 31, 1901, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., OH; d. February 09, 1994, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., OH.
- ii. **AUGUST HIBBEN ZIESING**, b. September 27, 1900, La Salle, La Salle Co., IL; d. April 29, 1989, Princeton, Mercer Co., NJ. He m. **FAITH CANFIELD WHITNEY** April 09, 1949, New York City, NY; b. June 21, 1911, Durham, Strafford Co., NH; d. May 29, 1987, Princeton, Mercer Co., NJ.

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MARY McLEAN HIBBEN 1860 - 1953
and husbands
GEORGE PERKINS
RICHARD ZIESING 1860 - 1935

Minnie Marries Twice

Mary McLean Hibben, known as Minnie, was the second daughter of Thomas Entriken Hibben and Mary Jane McLean. She was born on August 22, 1860, in Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio.¹ Her father died the following year and her mother then remarried about 1863. It is believed that Minnie grew up with her older sister Martha Elizabeth (a.k.a. Lillie) and three younger Smith half-siblings in Mississippi, Alabama and Memphis, Tennessee.² However, Minnie and Lillie continued to visit, or live for extended periods, with her Hibben relatives, Franklin and Rebecca Jane (Hibben) Corwin in La Salle County, Illinois.³

Little is known of Minnie's relationship with George Perkins, except that they had a daughter, Hester Perkins. It is not known if Minnie's husband died or if they divorced. In about 1894, Minnie married again, to Richard Ziesing in La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois. The Ziesing family was a neighbor of Franklin and Rebecca Jane (Hibben) Corwin and it is assumed that Richard and Minnie first met when they were children.

Richard was born March 5, 1860, to Dr. Heinrich (a.k.a. Henry) Ziesing and Katherine Brennemann in Granville, Putnam County, Illinois.

Richard Ziesing was educated in the public schools of La Salle and Peru, under a private tutor, and in the University of Illinois. While in the university he made a specialty of the study of chemistry. On leaving college in his junior year, he accepted a position as a drug clerk in a store in Peru, where he remained a year and a half, at the end of which time he entered he employ of the Mattiessen & Hegeler Zinc Company, as assistant assayer, a position he held for three years. He was then transferred to the practical furnace work, of the same establishment, and is now on of the foremen of this department. Mr. Ziesing was married in Chicago, in 1884 [1894], to Miss Minnie Hibben, and they have two children-a daughter and son- Hester E. and Richard B.⁴

Richard and Minnie lived in La Salle until the early 1900s, at which time they moved to Cleveland, Ohio where Richard was hired by the Grasselli Chemical Company. While Cleveland was his home, much of his work took him to Grasselli smelting facilities in Clarksburg, West Virginia and Terre Haute, Indiana.⁵ Richard vacationed in Florida where he founded the Riomar Club of Vero Beach.

Minnie And Richard Have Two Sons And Raise Hester Perkins

Minnie and Richard had two sons: Richard Brennemann, born May 23, 1895;⁶ and August Hibben Ziesing, born September 27, 1900,⁷ both in La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois. Throughout his life, the latter was known as Hibben Ziesing. It is believed that Richard Ziesing adopted Hester Perkins as most documentation refers to her as Hester Perkins Ziesing.⁸

THE WILLIAM HIBBEN LINE

Information about Richard, Hibben and Hester Perkins Ziesing is presented in Chapter IV, Generation 6.5.

Richard Ziesing senior died at the age of seventy-five on March 5, 1935.

*Richard Ziesing, Zinc Refining Expert, Dies. Richard Ziesing, who retired about ten years ago after more than two decades with the Grasselli Chemical Co., as an expert in zinc refining, died of a heart attack Saturday night at his winter home in Vero Beach, Fla., after a two-week illness. He was born in La Salle, Ill., and was graduated from the University of Illinois. After several years' work in zinc refining in Chicago, he came to the Grasselli company here in 1903. Most of this work was done at locations of the company's zinc smelters in Clarksburg, W. Va., and Terre Haute, Ind. Mr. Ziesing was a member of the Union and Country Clubs and the Chamber of Commerce. His principal hobby was golf. His residence was at 10510 Magnolia Drive N. E. His wife, Mrs. Minnie Hibben Ziesing; two sons, Richard, jr. of Cleveland and Hibben of New York; and a brother, August, president of the American Bridge Co., Glencoe, Ill., survive.*⁹

Minnie Ziesing survived Richard by eighteen years, dying at the age of ninety-three on September 20, 1953. Both Richard and Minnie are buried at Lakeview Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio.¹⁰

*Mrs. M. H. Ziesing, Widow of Grasselli Executive, Dies. Mrs. Minnie Hibben Ziesing, whose late husband, Richard, was an executive with a chemical company here until his death in 1935, died yesterday in New York, where she had been living the last three months. Mrs. Ziesing was born in Hillsboro, O. After her marriage she lived for many years in La Salle, Ill., until 1910, when her husband came to Cleveland to become head of the zinc plant of the Grasselli Chemical Co., now a part of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. For the last two years Mrs. Ziesing, while in Cleveland, lived at Wade Park Manor, before which she lived for many years on Magnolia Drive N. E. She had been a supporter of the Cleveland Society for the Blind and the Cleveland Museum of Art. Mrs. Ziesing is survived by two sons, Richard, Jr., of Bryn Mawr, Pa., and Hibben of Princeton, N. J.*¹¹

Generation 5.5 End Notes:

- ¹ Lakeview Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio, interment record #54988, born August 22, 1860, Wilmington, Ohio.
- ² Charles Donovan Smith, Celia Ann Smith and Walter Lane Smith.
- ³ See Chapter IV, Generation 4.4.
- ⁴ *Biographical and Genealogical Record of La Salle County, Illinois*, Vol. II, pages 648-49, 1900, The Lewis Publishing Company, Chicago.
- ⁵ Unknown newspaper, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, obituary about March 10, 1935.
- ⁶ Social Security Application, #163-10-8169; *Who Was Who in America 1961-1968*, 1968, Chicago, Illinois, (Marquis - Who's Who, Inc.), volume IV, page 1072.
- ⁷ Social Security Application, #579-24-5500.
- ⁸ Hester may have been adopted by Richard Ziesing. She married Morgan Scott Ketchum and was listed in her and her mother's obituary as Hester Ziesing Ketchum."
- ⁹ Unknown newspaper, [Note 5].
- ¹⁰ Lakeview Cemetery, [Note 1], interment records #36945 and #54988, section 30, lot 15, graves #2 and #3.
- ¹¹ Unknown newspaper, [Note 5], obituary about September 21, 1953.