

## *Descendants of James Samuel Hibben and Sarah A. Pattison*

### *Generation No. 4.2*

**JAMES SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> HIBBEN** (*Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*) was born September 27, 1820 in Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH, and died October 18, 1877 in Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN. He married **SARAH A. PATTISON** August 29, 1854 in Rushville, Rush Co., IN, daughter of **JOSEPH PATTISON** and **LUCINDA MAUZY**. She was born February 1835 in Salem, Rush Co., IN, and died January 23, 1914 in Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN.

Children of **JAMES HIBBEN** and **SARAH PATTISON** are:

- i. **HAROLD BARCROFT<sup>5</sup> HIBBEN**, b. December 03, 1855, Rushville, Rush Co., IN; d. March 23, 1916, Long Key, FL. He m. **LOUISE FREEMAN** June 12, 1879, Terre Haute, Virgo Co., IN; b. September 1858, IN; d. June 24, 1923, Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN.
- ii. **THOMAS ENTRIKEN HIBBEN**, b. October 19, 1860, Rushville, Rush Co., IN; d. July 06, 1915, New York City, NY. He m. **JANE MERRILL KETCHAM** July 26, 1879, Jackson Co., MI; b. October 16, 1854, Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN; d. October 16, 1920, Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN.
- iii. **LOUISE HIBBEN**, b. July 1867, IN; d. December 26, 1951, IN. She m. **ERNST M. WILES** August 27, 1889, Marion Co., IN; b. March 1865, Georgetown, KY; d. December 31, 1921, Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN.

**JAMES SAMUEL HIBBEN 1820 - 1877**  
**and**  
**SARAH A. PATTISON 1835 - 1914**

*Success in any line of occupation, in any avenue of business, is not a matter of spontaneity, but is the legitimate offspring of subjective effort, the improvement of opportunity, and the exercise of the highest functions made possible by the specific ability.<sup>1</sup>*

Biography of James S. Hibben

James Samuel Hibben, the second son of Thomas Hibben and Nancy McFadden, was born September 27, 1820 in Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio. James was raised in a merchant family environment, as was his older brother, George. But unlike his older brother he did not embark immediately upon a career in commerce. In 1842 he was the first descendant of Thomas Hibben and Mary Entriken to become a college graduate.<sup>2</sup> His brother, Ethelbert, and several of his first cousins,<sup>3</sup> sons of his uncle Samuel Entriken Hibben living in Hillsborough, would follow him to college when they came of age.

**A Distinguished Man Of Indianapolis And Indiana**

The story of James S. Hibben's life, family and business can best be told by presenting excerpts from his biography written in 1912.

*James S. Hibben was born at Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio on the 20th of October, 1822 [September 27, 1820], and more than thirty years have elapsed since he was summoned from the stage of life's mortal endeavors. . . . Reared under the beneficent influences of a home of distinctive culture and refinement, James S. Hibben also received the best of educational advantages along academic lines. His earlier training was obtained in the schools of his native town, and, with the ultimate view of entering the ministry of the Presbyterian church, he completed a thorough course in Miami University, at Oxford, Ohio, which was founded by the state in 1824. . . . Receiving a thorough classical education and the degree of Bachelor of Arts, Mr. Hibben continued throughout his life to take great interest in the best literature and also in general educational advancement, and he was known as an especially fine linguist, with facile command of several languages.*

*His tastes and inclinations leading him to abandon his purpose of entering the ministry, Mr. Hibben as a young man came to Indiana and established his home at Rushville, the judicial center of Rush county, where he became associated with his brother George in the retail dry-goods business. The enterprise was attended with gratifying success and he continued to be actively identified with the same until 1865, when with a view to obtaining a broader field of action and affording more ample scope for the exercise of his well matured administrative ability, he came to Indianapolis. Here he became associated with his wife's brother, the late Coleman Bates Pattison, in founding a wholesale dry goods business, the same*

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*becoming the nucleus of that now conducted by the extensive dry goods house of Hibben, Hollweg & Company, in which his two sons are interested principals and which is one of the oldest and most important wholesale concerns in the state, with a trade extending throughout the wide territory normally tributary to Indianapolis as a distributing center. In initiating operations in the new field the firm adopted the title of Hibben, Pattison & Company, and this was retained until the death of Mr. Hibben. . . .*

*While a resident of Rushville he was president of the leading banking institution of the town, and in Indianapolis likewise he became an influential figure in financial circles. . . .He was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church, but after coming to Indianapolis he united with the Unitarian church. . . .In fraternal affiliations he was an appreciative member of the Masonic order.*

*At Rushville, this state, on the 29th of August, 1854, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hibben to Miss Sarah A. Pattison, who was born at Salem, Rush county, Indiana, and who is a daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Mauzy)<sup>4</sup> Pattison. . . .Joseph Pattison was a son of Edward Pattison, also a native born Kentuckian. He migrated to Rush county and was a well known pioneer of that section of the state. He was a clergyman of the Methodist faith, and while he farmed through the week, he was always to be found on Sunday expounding the scriptures according to his faith. . . .The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Hibben, Peter Mauzy, was born in Kentucky. . . .His wife was Sarah Gooding, and their granddaughter, Sarah Pattison Hibben, was named after her. . . .Mrs. Hibben, now venerable in years, still resides in Indianapolis, where she has a pleasant home at 1455 North Delaware Street. She is a member of the Methodist church. . . .in which her honored grandfather, Rev. Edward Pattison, was a clergyman.<sup>5</sup>*

James and Sarah had three children: Harold Barcroft, born December 3, 1855;<sup>5</sup> Thomas Entriiken, born October 19, 1860;<sup>5</sup> and Louise Hibben, born July 1867.<sup>6</sup>

### **James Responds To A Call To Arms**

*Late on the evening of the 8th of July, 1863, intelligence was received at Indianapolis, that a rebel force, estimated to be six thousand cavalry, with four pieces of artillery, under command of Gen. John H. Morgan, had crossed the Ohio river, near Mauckport, and was moving on Corydon, Indiana. Governor Morton at once issued a patriotic call upon the citizens of the State to leave their various occupations and organize for defense. Under this call, within the short space of forty-eight hours, sixty-five thousand men had tendered their services. . . .The one hundredth and eleventh regiment was composed of Minute Men. . . .The regiment was organized at Indianapolis on the 13th of July, 1863. . . .It was not called into the field, and was mustered out at Indianapolis, on the 15th of July, 1863.<sup>7</sup>*

Of the many members of the Hibben family who participated in the Civil War, Lieutenant James S. Hibben, Company H, 111th Regiment, Infantry, Minute Men, Indiana, served the shortest time.

### Sleepless Energies Lead To An Early Death

James' obituary probably did not exaggerate the priorities which dominated his life. It detailed his undivided attention to business interests, demanding work habits and the resulting physical and mental pressures James accepted. An insight into his consummate interest in and regard to business matters above all else, is gained from several letters he wrote to his wife. In October 1856, when her first born son was less than a year old, Sallie went to Cleveland to a water cure clinic. She remained there for treatments for an unknown illness until about the third week of November. James wrote that he was lonely, but only when he wasn't working. Then, when Sallie's treatments were completed, business considerations came first in the plans to return her to Rushville.

*You seem to think I may find it a little lonely here without you. When I am engaged up in town your absence is not so apparent, but when I come home at night and find no fires and only a cold room and a cold bed to receive me I miss something and I really believe it is you. If you really want to know whether I miss you much I must say I miss you a great deal more than I expect you give me credit for doing. For with us men folks as Auntie [illegible] says when we are powerful busy and have a heap of things to do, that is employment for our minds as well as our hands and we have small time to think of anything else. But when we are alone, as I am tonight, we miss anything which comforts or pleasures us just as much I expect as the ladies do.<sup>8</sup>*

*I cannot leave here until Wednesday or Thursday of next week and think I can get to Cleveland the same day I start from here, so that you may expect me on Wednesday night or at furthest on Thursday night. My business engagements are of such character that I cannot, without turning too large a burden upon Mr. Flinn's shoulders, go with you to Cincinnati at present. If it will not be too much of a disappointment to you I would wish you to make immediately any purchases in Cleveland which you may wish to make and be in readiness to return with me the morning after my arrival in Cleveland. I will come out to the Water Cure for you and bring you to town the same night so as to be ready to be off by the morning train.<sup>9</sup>*

The obituary confirmed that as the years passed, James became even more driven by his business interests.

*Mr. Hibben came to Rushville about the year 1842, after having graduated at Miami University with collegiate honors. Contrary to the expectation of friends, he embarked with his brother George into mercantile life; and, being a man of indomitable energy, he turned the whole force of a highly trained and cultivated mind into the business he choose for life. He let all other things - literature, politics, science - become mere matters of pastime. Education and mental training told here as in all other avocations of life; for he rapidly became the most accomplished business man of the place. He reduced business to a science, and carried it on upon the principles he conceived to be scientific. His business connection in Rushville were as follows; First, as member of the firm of G. & J. S. Hibben; then as senior partner in the house of Hibben & Flinn; next with R. Poundstone & Co., and lastly with Hibben & Mauzy.*

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*He labored in season and out of season, by night and by day, with scarcely any relaxation, from 1842 to 1866, when he moved to Indianapolis, to enter upon a larger and more extended field. In his new sphere his efforts were redoubled and his sleepless energies bent upon the advancement of his business interests.*

*The preceding facts afford a reasonable explanation of his untimely death. The brain had been overtaxed, and was but irregularly repaired by a sufficient amount of sleep. "An anemic brain, thus constantly forced and imperfectly repaired, must ere long suffer some modification of nutrition." Sleepless nights and watchful days, toilsome weeks and tireless months, wrought a change in structure, and change brought disease of the saddest type.*

*Mr. Hibben had many friends in Rushville who will much regret his death, and will sympathize deeply with his stricken family. His remains were brought here and rested over night at the residence of his brother-in-law, A. G. Mauzy, Esq. . . . (Plate 11) The interment was at East Hill Cemetery.<sup>10</sup>*

James died October 18, 1877. His monument at East Hill Cemetery is a large obelisk. Engraved below "JAMES S. HIBBEN Born Sept. 27, 1820, Died Oct. 17, 1877" are the appropriate words "AT REST."

### **Coleman B. Pattison Settles James' Estate**

*I hereby make and constitute my brother-in-law Coleman B. Pattison, the Executor of this my last will.<sup>11</sup> The will was probated on October 20, 1877 and settled on December 18, 1878. James' estate was divided equally between wife Sarah and his three children, with the exception of the funds received from the sale of 80 acres of land in Henry County, Illinois. The land had been given in trust to James by his father for James' son Harold B. Hibben. It had been purchased by Thomas Hibben on June 6, 1853. It was located in the District of Galena, IL, described as the E1/2 NE, Section 30, Township 15N, Range 1E, containing 80 acres. Bounty certificate #3940 granted for service in the War of 1812 was used to secure the title. Adjacent land sold in April 1853 for \$1.25 per acre. Therefore, the value of the 80 acres when obtained was about \$100.00.<sup>12</sup>*

### **Sarah Loses Law Suit In The Supreme Court**

In about 1900 a lien was placed upon real estate Sarah owned on Washington Street, Irvington, Marion County, Indiana, for nonpayment of improvement or betterment assessments and interest accrued. She claimed the improvements did not enhance the value of her property and sued for tax relief. The case, Hibben v. Smith, was finally decided in the Supreme Court of the United States which stated:

*The facts contained in the objection now under consideration do not, in our judgment, constitute any violation of the Federal Constitution or result in the taking of the property of the plaintiff in error without the due process of law, as that term is understood, when used in the Constitution of the United States. We see no error in the record in this case which we can review, and the judgment of the Supreme Court of Indiana is **Affirmed**.<sup>13</sup>*

This decision and those of the lower courts sustained the right of municipalities to levy taxes for municipal infrastructure improvements without regard to uniform real estate value enhancement. This case is often cited in cases pertaining to municipal betterment taxation.

### Daughter, Louise Cares For Her Widowed Mother

With two capable sons and a daughter, and having inherited a prosperous business, Sarah appears to have lived a comfortable life. In 1900, at the age of 61, she was living with daughter Louise and her husband, Ernst M. Wiles.<sup>14</sup> Louise married August 27, 1889,<sup>15</sup> but there is no record of any issue. Ernst was associated with the family business. Ernst died suddenly, December 31, 1921 shortly after making steamship reservations for a trip to Europe. Louise lived on for thirty years. She was buried at Crown Hill Cemetery on December 28, 1951 beside Ernst.<sup>16</sup>

### Sarah Survives James By Thirty Seven Years

Sarah Pattison Hibben died in 1914, but records of Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis indicate she was not interred there until May 2, 1916.<sup>17</sup> She may have been buried elsewhere and then reinterred along side her son, Harold, on the same day he was buried.

James and Sarah's sons, Harold Barcroft Hibben and Thomas Entriken Hibben are the subject of Chapter VI, Generations 5.3a and 5.3b, respectively.

### Generation 4.2 End Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> Jacob Piatt Dunn, associate editor, *Memorial Record of Distinguished Men of Indianapolis and Indiana*, 1912, Chicago - New York (The Lewis Publishing Company), page 195.
- <sup>2</sup> *Miami University Alumni Catalog, Centennial Edition 1809 - 1909*, Class of 1842.
- <sup>3</sup> Thomas<sup>4</sup> Hibben (*Samuel Entriken<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), born 1831; Samuel Entriken<sup>4</sup> Hibben, II (*Samuel Entriken<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), born 1834; Joseph Matthew<sup>4</sup> Hibben (*Samuel Entriken<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), born 1847.
- <sup>4</sup> Lucinda Mauzy was a sister of Abram Gooding Mauzy who married Elizabeth Allen<sup>4</sup> (Jones) Hibben (*Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). Abram was Sarah Pattison's uncle and Elizabeth was James' half sister. See Chapter VI, Generation 3.4.
- <sup>5</sup> Dunn, *Memorial Record of Distinguished Men of Indianapolis and Indiana*, [Note 1], page 198.
- <sup>6</sup> US Census 1900, T623-388, enumeration 56, sheet 4, line 91, 1715 North Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Center Township, Marion County, Indiana
- <sup>7</sup> Indiana State Archives, Civil War Regiment Record, page 182.
- <sup>8</sup> Indiana State Library, Manuscript Section, collection L69, letter by James Samuel Hibben to his wife Sallie, November 4, 1856.
- <sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, November 14, 1856.
- <sup>10</sup> *Rushville Republican*, Rushville, Rush County, Indiana, obituary, October 25, 1877.
- <sup>11</sup> *Marion County, Indiana, Civil Circuit Court*, volume F, page 294, November 26, 1872.
- <sup>12</sup> Illinois Public Domain Land Tract Sales, <<http://www2.sos.state.il.us/cgi-bin/land>>; At the same time Thomas secured another adjacent tract of 40 acres.
- <sup>13</sup> Supreme Court of The United States, 191 US 310;24 S. Ct.88; 1903 US LEXIS 1452; 48 L. Ed. 195, November 30, 1903.
- <sup>14</sup> US Census 1900, [Note 6].
- <sup>15</sup> *Marion County Indiana Marriage License Records*, book 22, page 143.
- <sup>16</sup> Crown Hill Cemetery records, interments January 2, 1922 and December 28, 1951; Tombstone inscriptions, ERNST M. WILES 1865-1921, LOUISE HIBBEN WILES 1867-1951.
- <sup>17</sup> Crown Hill Cemetery letter July 13, 1999; Interment May 2, 1916; Tombstone inscription, SARAH A. HIBBEN 1835 - 1914.