

## *Descendants of Harry Cobb Hibben and Lena Hartman*

### *Generation No. 4.5*

**HARRY COBB<sup>4</sup> HIBBEN** (*Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*) was born March 20, 1858 in Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH, and died February 28, 1932 in Gallup, McKinley Co., NM. He married (1) **LENA M. HARTMAN** (a.k.a. **ADELINE WEIDENHOEFT**) December 22, 1883 in Minneapolis, Hennepin Co., MN, daughter of **JOHN WEIDENHOEFT** and **ALBERTINE** (unknown). She was born March 8, 1864 in Berlin, Germany, and died March 29, 1917 in Flagstaff, Coconino Co., AZ. He married (2) **SADIE THORNDYKE KELLER** March 1918 in San Diego Co., AZ. She was born Abt. 1883.

Children of **HARRY HIBBEN** and **LENA HARTMAN** are:

- i. **AMELIA LYDIA<sup>5</sup> HIBBEN**, b. June 21, 1884, Rose (St. Paul), Ramsey Co., MN; d. July 08, 1975, Phoenix, Maricopa Co., AZ. She m. (1) **CHARLES HENRY COREY** July 29, 1903, Flagstaff, Coconino Co. AZ Territory; b. November 03, 1876, Rollo, Phelps Co., MO; d. January 31, 1958, Sepulveda, CA. She m. (2) **JOHN HANER** October 23, 1934, Gallup, McKinley Co., NM; b. Abt. 1912. She m. (3) **CHARLES EMMETT SPARKS** 1945; b. August 15, 1885, TX; d. July 27, 1945, Phoenix, Maricopa Co., AZ.
- ii. **STACY BARCROFT HIBBEN**, b. February 28, 1886, St. Paul, Ramsey Co., MN; d. March 09, 1983, Phoenix, Maricopa Co., AZ. He m. (1) **MAUD HALLIE HARRELL** April 05, 1905; b. December 02, 1889, Cleves, Hamilton Co., OH; d. November 26, 1976 in Mesa, Maricopa Co., AZ. He m. (2) **SOPHIA EDITH RIHN** Aft. 1921; b. June 29, 1892, New Auburn, WI; d. November 29, 1975, Camp Verde, Yavapai Co., AZ.
- iii. **DENNIS SULLIVAN HIBBEN**, b. March 4, 1888, St. Paul, Ramsey Co., MN; d. April 26, 1966, El Dorado, Sacramento, Co., CA. He m. (1) **HAZEL EVELENA TODD** June 07, 1909, Winslow, Navajo Co., AZ Territory; b. August 11, 1888, Cadillac, Wexford Co., MI; d. May 06, 1942, Globe, Gila Co., AZ. He m. (2) **PEARL LENORE DICKSON** July 03, 1925, Silver City, Grant Co., NM; b. March 10, 1904, Georgetown, Clear Creek Co., CO; d. December 13, 1999, Battleground, Clark Co., WA.
- iv. **HARRY COBB HIBBEN, Jr.**, b. May 08, 1893, Flagstaff, Coconino Co., AZ Territory; d. November 13, 1972, New River, Maricopa, AZ. He m. **ADDIE (unknown) DIETZMAN** Aft. 1940; b. September 1883, TX; d. October 14, 1963, Los Angeles Co., CA.
- v. **KATHRINE LOUISE HIBBEN**, b. September 27, 1904, AZ; d. April 1999, Phoenix, Maricopa Co., AZ. She m. **DAVID EDGAR HART**; b. November 8, 1903, Camp Verde, Yavapai Co., AZ Territory; d. February 15, 1975, AZ.



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**HARRY COBB HIBBEN 1858 - 1932**  
**and wives**  
**LENA HARTMAN (a.k.a. ADELINE WEIDENHOEFT)**  
**1864 – 1917**  
**SADIE THORNDYKE KELLER Abt. 1883**

*A song for the early times out West,  
And our green old forest home,  
Whose pleasant memories freshly yet  
Across the bosom come:  
A song for the free and gladsome life  
In those early days we led,  
With a teeming soil beneath our feet,  
And a smiling heaven o'erhead!  
O, waves of life danced merrily  
And had a joyous flow,  
In the days when we were pioneers,  
Fifty years ago.<sup>1</sup>*

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**Harry Moves To Minnesota And Marries**

Harry Cobb Hibben was born March 20, 1858, in Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio. He was the last child of Thomas Hibben and Lydia Crain Searl Hibben. Thomas was 65 years old at the time of Harry's birth and died just nine years later. Harry lived under a court appointed guardianship for ten years until his father's estate was settled in 1877.<sup>2</sup>

It is believed that Harry and his mother moved from Wilmington to Connersville, Indiana about 1872. They lived there with Harry's sister, Millie,<sup>3</sup> and her husband, Charles I. Curry. After his mother's death Harry first moved to Chicago where he was employed as a clerk for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.<sup>4</sup> Shortly thereafter he went to Saint Paul, Minnesota where he met and married Lena Hartman (a.k.a. Adeline Weidenhoeft) on December 22, 1883.<sup>5</sup>

*I found out that Lena Hartman left home at about 16 years old and changed her name from Wiedenheft to Hartman for some unknown reason. I found her working in a St. Paul, Minn., hotel (St. James Hotel) as a waitress, using the name Hartman before her marriage to Harry C. Hibben. He was a boarder in the same hotel. This was 1882 - 1883, St. Paul City Directory.<sup>6</sup> I also found them later as married in 1886 - 1887 Directory<sup>7</sup>. . . .I have found the name Wiedenheft spelled many ways.<sup>8</sup>*

While in St. Paul Harry worked for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, and then later for the Minnesota Transfer Railway Company. Three of his children were born in St. Paul: Amelia Lydia, on June 21, 1884;<sup>9</sup> Stacy<sup>10</sup> Barcroft, on February 28, 1886;<sup>11</sup> and Dennis Sullivan Hibben, on February 28, 1888.<sup>12</sup> Then Harry left his family in St. Paul while he found employment and a home for them in Arizona. Annette Hibben Fitzgerald recalled that Harry's brother, Stacy,<sup>13</sup> came to Flagstaff before her grandfather, and was employed at the nearby sandstone quarry. Stacy's presence in Flagstaff probably led Harry to seek new opportunities

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there. Annette wrote: “*I do know Grandfather Hibben [Harry Cobb Hibben] met the train in Flagstaff when his wife and 3 young children disembarked. Daddy [Stacy Barcroft Hibben, Harry’s son] remembered vividly the stick candy in the goodies his dad had for them.*”<sup>14</sup> Harry and Lena’s fourth child, Harry Cobb, Jr., was born May 8, 1893,<sup>15</sup> in Flagstaff. Kathrine Louise was born in Flagstaff September 27, 1904,<sup>16</sup> twenty years after the birth of her older sister, Amelia.

### Flagstaff At The Turn Of The Century

The first train arrived at Flagstaff in 1882. In 1890, the year when it is believed Lena and three children arrived, the US Census recorded a population of 963 men, women and children.

*Another source of industrial vigor was a quarry a mile east of town, which produced the fine-grained, red-brown sandstone that was widely popular for a couple of decades. More than 500 freight cars of beautiful, even-colored, easily-carved stone went into building the Los Angeles City Hall-Courthouse. . . Fine local examples of its use are Old Main on the Northern Arizona University campus, 1894; the Coconino Courthouse, 1895; and the Federated Church, 1906.*<sup>17</sup>

On Saturday, May 26, 1894 the supervisors approved the citizens’ petition for Incorporation.

*Included in the corporate area were 960 acres—1.5 square miles—that made up the town's limits for several decades. Of this, 320 acres comprised the town site approved by the General Land Office, Congress and President Grover Cleveland in 1889; 480 acres was railroad land; and 160 acres was the Brannen [Flagstaff’s first doctor] addition in the southeast part of the settlement.*<sup>18</sup>

One of the town's top priorities was the building of schools. The cornerstone of Emerson high school was laid in April 1895 and the first commencement was held in April 1897. The Hibben children, Amelia and Stacy, most likely were among the first students. Dennis graduated from Emerson in 1903.

The population of Arizona and Flagstaff grew rapidly, but it wasn't until 1912 that President Taft signed a proclamation making Arizona the forty-eighth state, “The Grand Canyon State.” By then Harry and Lena had lived in Flagstaff for 22 years.

### Harry Has Several Careers

After working for the Babbitt Brothers and having an initial interest in the sandstone quarry, Harry turned to public service in 1898 when he began working in the County Recorder’s Office. In November 1900 he ran for and won the office, and held it until December 1906.

*There is probably no stronger candidate on the ticket than Harry C. Hibben, the unanimous choice of the convention for recorder. The office of recorder is one of great importance, and to it are attached the duties of clerk of the board of supervisors. Mr. Hibben has been deputy recorder for the past year, and during the past two years has been employed to correct the somewhat out of date methods of keeping the county books. He has prepared a complete set of books in which are kept the accounts of each office and the expenses of the county can be obtained by any taxpayer at any time. Mr. Hibben is a competent and practical*

*bookkeeper and has held positions of trust during his residence here. He is known to everybody within the county, and it is unnecessary to speak of him personally.*<sup>19</sup>

After two years as Recorder Harry had a record to tout in the 1902 election.

*THE REPUBLICANS MEET - A Goodly Crowd Hear Candidates Talk -- Harry Hibben, who had previously been touted as the heavyspellbinder, next came forth, and was cheered and recheered for some time before he got a chance to open up the valves of his oratory. His address wasn't very long, but it was jam full of meat. He explained how he had fought the battles for the people of Coconino county against the railroad which was squirming to get out of paying its just taxes, and pointed to the records to show that a part of the board of supervisors had to be dragged into line to stay with the people against the railroad; that he had been offered a considerable sum to 'keep his mouth shut,' but he had not only didn't keep his mouth shut, but he told the members of the board of this offer, and also that he would publish the fact if they did not stay with the people and make the railroad company pay its taxes the same as the poor man has to. He told of a number of instances where he had helped to put money into the county treasury-- notably the Aztec Land company, whose taxes had been overlooked and who had never paid any taxes. When they wanted an abstract he discovered that they owed the county about \$9,000 in collectable taxes. That money is now in the treasury to show for itself. He is now acting as clerk of the board of supervisors and is entitled to a salary of \$1,000 a year, and is not drawing a cent of that money.*<sup>20</sup>

In October 1902, The Wilmington Journal published a news article so that Harry's old Wilmington friends might hear good reports about him.

*HARRY HIBBEN, a former Wilmington boy, son of Thomas Hibben, one of the prominent merchants of the town in its earlier day, having his store where the Irwin Auger Bit office now is, is the Recorder of Coconino County, Arizona, and the Republican nominee for re-election. A recent issue of the Flagstaff Sun says of him: "Harry Hibben was nominated for Recorder. He will be elected— everyone says so. . . .He has been the best Recorder the county ever had; he has been right at his post of duty day in and day out, and if any one attempted to rob the county he was there trying the scales at about two hundred and thirty pounds, ready to sit down on the whole proceedings instanter [instantly]. He will get about all the votes in the county."*<sup>21</sup>

Harry's son, Stacy, recalled that his father was only paid \$150 a month to be County Recorder, and to help feed his family they usually "had deer and turkey hanging out back." A newspaper reported in 1899:

*I see that Harry Hibben of Flagstaff is doing business with the ducks over on Marshall lake and that he killed 216 in one week. Having seen Hibben shoot, I know that when he swings that old ten-bore into position something is going to drop. If I were to shoot that same ten-bore I am satisfied that the dropping would be on my end of the gun, but Hibben has plenty of beef and can stand it, and I am glad to hear of his success.*<sup>22</sup>

Stacy also remembered that in the early 1900s, David Babbitt had the only indoor toilets and bathtub in Flagstaff. The Hibben family had "inside water" for only a few years before Lena died.

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During Harry's third term he tried to supplement his income by farming and raising livestock, first goats and then sheep for wool and meat.

*UP-TO-DATE FARMING METHODS* County Recorder Hibben is engaged in ranching as a recreation, and last year made something of a success in raising hay and potatoes. It was a good year for ranching, and most anything that was planted grew to perfection. This year, however, it is quite different, the season being unusually dry, and the question of raising a crop has caused the rotund recorder some worry. He consulted Assessor Lind the other day in regard to raising potatoes in a dry season, and was told to plant onions in each hill of potatoes. 'Plant onions with them,' sung out the recorder, 'what good will that do?' 'Well, you see, it's this way,' said the assessor, who knows more about farming than the recorder does about bookkeeping. 'You plant an onion in each hill, and when the onion gets up good you pull the top off. The strength of the onion will make the eyes of the potato water, thereby furnishing its own moisture and making a good crop. You don't need much rain to raise a good crop in this country, if you are up-to-date.' 'Keep the matter quiet, John,' said Harry, 'and don't tell the old time ranchers and I'll beat them out' - and he went down town to order the onion seed.<sup>23</sup>

*BUY ANGORA GOATS* H. C. Hibben and James S. Emmett, have purchased fifteen hundred Angora goats from W. W. Snyder, of Bumblebee, Yavapai county. They will be driven from that point to Lee's Ferry, where there is good pasture for them. There are at present no herds of Angoras in this country, the above gentlemen being the first to embark in the business. The industry is said, by those engaged in it to be quite profitable. The fleece as well as the hide of the Angora is in demand at good prices.<sup>24</sup>

H. C. Hibben returned Wednesday from Phoenix, where he had been to purchase a band of goats. The goats proved to be not up to the standard required, and he returned goatless. He is still looking for goats, and aspires to be the goat king of Arizona.<sup>25</sup>

H. C. Hibben returned Thursday from a trip to Utah where he bought several thousand head of sheep which he will drive to Arizona range. Mr. Hibben will remain until after the first of the year to turn the office of county recorder over to his successor.<sup>26</sup>

After three terms Harry did not run for reelection in the fall of 1906. He was embroiled in a political attack upon his career as Recorder.

*ATTORNEY ASHURT CAUSES HARRY C. HIBBEN'S ARREST* Bitter Political Fight in Coconino County Leads to Indictment of Recorder Hibben. A Phoenix dispatch says: Arizona's bitterest political fight, which has several times threatened to become tragic, has culminated in Coconino courts in the indictment of Harry C. Hibben, county recorder, on two counts by the September grand jury. Private telegrams which reached Phoenix state that the grand jury has just completed its labors at Flagstaff, the indictments found against recorder Hibben charging him with embezzling county funds and failure to keep record of the

*money he received as recorder. Flagstaff and all of Coconino county has been stirred by Hibben's indictment as it never has been stirred before. Almost every man in the county who pays attention to the doings of public officials is siding either for or against Hibben. Excitement is running high, and before the matter ends it is feared there will be trouble. Hibben and District Attorney Henry F. Ashurt are looked upon as the two central figures in the controversy, Ashurt having advised the grand jury that brought in the indictments.<sup>27</sup>*

*HIBBEN WINS OUT Prosecution Made a Poor Showing - Felony Case Dismissed. The case of Harry C. Hibben attracted attention from prominence of the defendant. The misdemeanor case was first tried. Both sides waived a jury, the charge being failure to make report of all business transacted in the recorder's office at the end of each month. In the trial of that case the prosecution failed to prove its charges, and a decision was rendered in favor of the defendant. In the felony case, in which Recorder Hibben was charged with appropriating \$30 belonging in the county, no trial was had. The district attorney asked for a continuance in the case, but declined to make a showing for continuance and refused to go to trial at this time. The case was ordered dismissed, the evidence in both cases being almost the same- Coconino Sun.<sup>28</sup>*

*AN OPEN LETTER -- In Which County Recorder Hibben Asks for Fair Play and Nothing Else--Tells Some Things Which Will Interest the Voters of Coconino County. To the Citizens of Coconino County: A few of my most bitter political enemies, with a view to injure me, are circulating from the stump, Phoenix Enterprise and through other sources, the report that I have stolen thousands of dollars from this county in making abstracts. . .[See all five columns of his extensive rebuttal. Final paragraph follows.] I stand for Recorder on my ability to fill the office and on my past record. I have not an apology to make for a single official act of mine, during the time I have been in your employ, and while I desire to be elected, and to receive the influence of every woman and child, and the vote of every man in Coconino county, I do not want the influence or the vote of any one who does not think I am honest to the core, and have always worked and will continue to work for the interest of the people who employ me. Very respectfully, Harry C. Hibben.<sup>29</sup>*

Harry then went into sheep ranching on a large scale and pursued this business until January 1919. In the early decades of the twentieth century wool and lambs were major products of Coconino County. Wool was sent by rail to the textile mills in New England and lambs to the market at Kansas City. Many notices in the Coconino Sun record Harry's purchases and market shipments.

*Harry C. Hibben returned last night from Salt river valley where his bands of sheep are ranging. He sold his clip, which averaged over nine pounds to the sheep, at 16 1/2 cts per pound. Grass and water are both plenty in the valley. Mr. Hibben expects to leave for Utah in a few days and will bring back with him a band of goats, which he has sold for delivery at Ash Fork<sup>30</sup>.*

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*H. C. Hibben returned Friday from Kansas City, where he had been with a shipment of goats which he disposed of in that market.*<sup>31</sup>

*RANGE AND MARKET NEWS. Items of Interest Pertaining to the Live Stock Industry in Arizona-Market for the Past Week. 37,000 sheep to be sheared. Sheep shearing on a large scale will begin about the 15th of April at Willaha on the Grand Canyon & Santa Fe Ry. C. C. Hutchison will shear 10,000; W. H. Campbell, 4,600; C. O. Robinson & Co., 6,000; H. C. Hibben, 4,000.*<sup>32</sup>

*Harry Hibben recently sold 22 carloads of lambs and old ewes, which will be shipped this week to the Imperial valley for feeders. And Dan McConville, Tom Smith and Tom Wagner came in Wednesday from the B. S. dam, north of the mountain, which they have been building for Harry Hibben the past month. Harry has spent in the neighborhood of \$10,000 for dams the past year and will have water at any cost.*<sup>33</sup>

*Harry Hibben shipped 3,820 head of May lambs to Colorado from Anita last Friday. they averaged 70 1/4 pounds each and were said to be the finest bunch that had been received in years on the Colorado market.*<sup>34</sup>

*WILLAHA BECOMING A LARGE SHEEP CENTER The town of Willaha on the Grand Canyon railroad, is rapidly becoming a sheep center and nearly 30,000 head of sheep are being sheared there this year by an expert band of some fifteen blade wielders under the general supervision of Harry C. Hibben. The town, which is owned and been built up by Harry Hibben includes corrals, shearing pens, scales and a general equipment that goes with sheep towns of that character, and is the general headquarters for the Hibben bands of sheep. The town grew several thousand percent the first of the month when the shearers and sheep herders congregated there in tents to handle the work. Willaha is also one of the points of interest for the tourists. Conductor Van Roy of the day train very considerately holds the train a few moments and invites all passengers out to witness the operation of taking the winter clothes off the sheep, not as it is 'done back east,' but the way it is done in a wholesale manner 'out west.' The cook house is one of the popular places and is visited with enthusiasm when 'Bud' hammers the iron as a signal that grub is ready to 'fly at.' Mayor Hibben is the original 'Willaha-ster,' and is always willing to show visitors points of interest including the cook house.*<sup>35</sup>

Stacy and Dennis worked for Harry when they were young men. Stacy remembered the time Dennis and he were driving two thousand head of ewes down from Utah to Harry's ranch at Willaha, Arizona. Southeast of Tuba City they found the Little Colorado River in flood and waited three days for it to subside. By then the sheep had eaten all available feed. Deciding to drive them across the river, they gathered about twenty-five Indians and supplied them with tin cans filled with pebbles. With the Indians shaking the cans and yelling from behind and a Bouvier dog leading, some of the sheep ventured about seventy-five feet into the river. The dog

stopped, looked back and the sheep turned around. Stacy threw a rock, hitting the dog, but it was too late. The sheep came back. Dennis and Stacy rode back to Flagstaff to consult with Harry. They found him at the bank where a couple of 'gamblers' overheard the discussion and indicated an interest in the sheep. Harry '*quickly ran the numbers through his head*' and sold the sheep, on the far side of the river without adequate pasture, making '*a couple of thousand dollars*.'<sup>36</sup>

Hazards were always present in those early days.

*On Thursday last H. C. Hibben and Henry Cooper, while driving a team near the Santa Fe track at Ash Fork, the team took fright at a passing train, and turned, cramping the buckboard in which they were riding, and throwing both Hibben and Cooper out of the vehicle. Mr. Hibben was bruised and his back injured by the fall. He was able to return here Saturday, and is now able to get around by the aid of crutches, although suffering still from his injuries.*<sup>37</sup>

*THERE WAS AND HE DID. Harry Hibben tells of an interesting but short story of his difficulties in handling sheep on the range in Coconino Basin country. He said recently, 'I was in the lower basin with my sheep when one night about thirty Navajo Indians rode up and informed me that if there was not enough of them to move me, they would go back and get some more.' 'That was nice of them. What did you do about it?' 'I merely said there was plenty of 'em to suit me and proceeded to move. That particular part of the country looked mighty lonesome for one white man and thirty peevish Navajos.*<sup>38</sup>

*Harry Hibben, the rotund sheepster, came in from his northern sheep range this week. While out this time he found that camp robbers had left him stranded for grub and for about forty-eight hours he was compelled to hustle without anything to eat.*<sup>39</sup>

### **Questions About Lena's Correct Name Persist After Her Death**

When Dennis S. Hibben applied for a Social Security number in December 1936, he recorded his mother as Adeline Weidenheft Hibben. When Stacy B. Hibben applied in May 1937 he recorded that his mother's maiden name was Adeline Hartman, and in January 1940 on his form, Harry C. Hibben, Jr. recorded that his mother was Leana Hartman (deceased). Stacy's daughter related that he learned in 1956 that his mother's name was not Hartman. At that time when Lena's eighty year old sister, Martha, met Stacy for the first time, she told Stacy Lena's surname was Wiedenheft.<sup>40</sup> Even Lena's given name was in doubt in death. The inscription on her tombstone is "Adelaide 1864 - 1917." The Flagstaff newspaper did not resolve the issue as it referred to her as Mrs. Harry Hibben.

*SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. HARRY HIBBEN SHOCKS COMMUNITY Mrs. Harry Hibben was suddenly stricken with apoplexy at a little after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon and died within a few moments. She had been apparently in her usual health during the morning and had been working in her flower garden. She was taken with a severe headache and Dr. Fronske but from a few doors away was called. She was conscious when he reached her side, but in a few short moments had passed to her home beyond.*

*Mr. Hibben was in Williams on his way to his sheep ranch at Willaha [just south of the Grand Canyon], having left Flagstaff in the morning and was notified there*

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*of his sudden bereavement. . . Funeral services will be held at the Federated church Saturday, March 31, at 2 p. m.*<sup>41</sup>

*MRS. HIBBEN AT ETERNAL REST* The funeral service of Mrs. Harry Hibben were (Sic) held at the Federated church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. G. P. Keeling. The church was crowded with sorrowing friends who came to pay their last respects to she whom they had loved during her many years of residence in Flagstaff. The alter was banked with many beautiful floral tributes, tender tokens from loved ones in memory of the kindly, thoughtful mother whose earthly ties were broken. Mrs. Adeline Hartman Hibben was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1864, but America had been her home since childhood. Five children remain to forever mourn the loss of that untiring devotion which only mother can give. Those who survive her are her husband, Stacey B. Hibben, Millie Hibben Corey, Dennis S. Hibben, Harry Hibben Jr., and Katherine Hibben, all of Flagstaff except Stacy who has been a resident of Needles for the past few years. The family desires to express their deep appreciation for the many kindly acts of friends who were ever present to help and console during the darkest hours of affliction.<sup>42</sup>

### **Harry Remarries; Is Divorced; Remarries And Is Divorced Again**

A year later in March 1918 Harry married Sadie Thorndyke Keller in San Diego County, California.<sup>43</sup> Sadie was twenty-five years younger than Harry.

*HARRY HIBBEN, SR., IS MARRIED AT LA JOLLA* The numerous friends of Harry C. Hibben, Sr., the sheepman, will be somewhat surprised to learn that he was married Saturday at La Jolla, to Mrs. Thorndyke Keller, an estimable lady whose home is in San Geronimo, California. The happy event may be attributed to the war, since Mr. Hibben's frequent visits to San Diego and Camp Kearny to see his son Harry, Jr., who is with the 158th infantry, led to the meeting which resulted in the wedding. Mr. Hibben has been one of he prominent citizens of Northern Arizona for a good many years, and is well known throughout the state. He is one of the successful sheep growers of the north and has many friends in this section of the country who will be pleased to congratulate him on the happy event. After a short honeymoon on the coast, Mr. and Mrs. Hibben will make their home in Flagstaff in the old Hibben house on Railroad avenue.<sup>44</sup>

The Coconino Sun reported changes in their marital status on June 18, 1920, August 21, 1921 and then on September 22, 1921

*HARRY HIBBEN RE-MARRIES* According to the Los Angeles Times, Harry Hibben, Sr., of this city was married there this week to the lady who, until their divorce a few months ago, was his wife.<sup>45</sup>

*Sadie Thorndyke Hibben, recently remarried to Harry C. Hibben, is again suing for divorce. Harben & Gold are her attorneys. Mrs. Hibben is staying at the Weatherford.*<sup>46</sup>

*Sadie Thorndyke Hibben was granted a divorce on Monday by Judge J. W. Jones from Harry C. Hibben, on the ground of alleged excesses and cruel treatment.*<sup>47</sup>

Annette Hibben Fitzgerald recalled:

*When her [Kathrine's] father married "Miss Billie" (that's all I ever heard her called) Kathrine spent time with her and her mother in a beautiful home<sup>48</sup> in the Bay area. . . .She set out to make over Kathrine who was less than cooperative. She taught her the responsibilities of management of a household emphasizing the need to know how to do the work even when hiring it [to be] done. . . .Miss Billie wanted Grandfather Hibben, her husband, to send Kathrine to an exclusive school in La Jolla. Where her father was at this time—I presume Flagstaff. The marriage was ended and again initiated and again ended. . . .Miss Billie made a lasting impression on my Aunt Kathrine. . . .Kathrine often said, "I wish there were some way I could thank Miss Billie for all the things she taught me."<sup>49</sup>*

Perhaps 'Miss Billie' did not enjoy living in Flagstaff and sharing Harry's life at his ranch at Kendrick Mountain and the sheep center in Willaha. Less than a year after their marriage, in January 1919, Harry gave up the lands which he had owned and leased for over a decade and sold his sheep.

*HARRY HIBBEN SELLS SHEEP OUTFIT TO C. L. De RYDER. One of the biggest transfers of sheep made in some time was that of Harry Hibben, who disposed of all his leased lands, patented lands and some 5000 head of old sheep to Mr. C. I. DeRyder of Selma, California, the deal being completed yesterday through the Arizona Central Bank. Mr. Hibben's winter headquarters were at Wilaha on the Grand Canyon railroad and his summer ranch at Kendrick Mountain. He has been in the sheep business for a number of years. The amount paid was not given out but it will run well up into the thousands. Mr. DeRyder has been in the sheep business for a good many years and now owns large flocks in California. Mr. DeRyder will move over and become a full-fledged Arizonian as soon as he can make arrangements to do so.<sup>50</sup>*

After his divorce and the sale of his outfit, Harry briefly worked for the state highway department and lived with son Stacy in Needles. He also worked for Lorenzo Hubbell selling Indian arts and crafts at stores in several western cities. He managed the store on Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, assisted by Harry Jr. And, when in Flagstaff he spent time hunting and fishing.

*Harry Hibben, Sr., down at Lake Mary, was being quizzed by the small son of a couple who had just arrived from Phoenix. 'Do you go a fishing?' the boy asked. 'Oh, yes. I go fishing every day.' 'Do you catch any fish?' Lots of 'em. Had 'em for breakfast this morning. I always fill my vest full of 'em every day.' The boy gazed earnestly at Harry's expansive vest front for a moment and then said: 'Pa, let's go somewhere else, where the fish hain't all been caught.'<sup>51</sup>*

At the time of his death he was employed at the McAdams store in Gallup, New Mexico. Harry was a member of several Masonic orders: El Zaribah Shrine, Phoenix; Arizona Consistory Scottish Rite, Tucson; and the Blue Lodge, Flagstaff.<sup>52</sup>

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### Family Gathers For Harry's Funeral

When Harry was 70 he responded to a letter from his 15 year old granddaughter, Adeline Todd Hibben (a.k.a. Todd).

*Dear Todd;*

*Your nice little letter came in a few days ago. I was glad to hear from you and always will. I am sorry to hear of the passing of your Grandpa Todd. I am 70 or will be in March and it will not be long until I too will go over the top. But I am ready to go when called. . . . Just get all the education you can. Then be honest both with yourself and all others, work hard when you start, save a little and you will win. I would like to start with you but to old to try again. Write when you can for I love you both [grandson Lynn Maxwell Hibben] and love to hear from you.*

*Grand Dad Hibben*<sup>53</sup>

Harry died February 28, 1932 in Gallup, McKinley County, New Mexico.

*Death called another prominent Flagstaff pioneer early Monday morning at a hospital in Gallup, N. M., taking Harry C. Hibben, for many years one of the best known and most popular residents of this community. . . .Burial will be here by the side of his wife, Mrs. Adeline Hartman Hibben, who died here March 29, 1917. . . .Mr. Hibben was born in Wilmington, Ohio, March 20, 1858, being almost 75 years old at the time of his death. . . .He was actively Republican in politics and was county recorder eight years.*<sup>54</sup>

*With him when he died were his two daughters, Millie, wife of Charlie Corey of Flagstaff, and Catherine, wife of Edgar Hart of Grand Canyon, and a son, Dennis S. Hibben of Trinidad, Colo., and the latter's wife [Pearl Lenore Dickson]. The remains were brought to Flagstaff Tuesday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hibben, Mrs. Corey and Mrs. Hart. Stacey [Stacy] Hibben, another son, came the first of the week from Tuba City, returned there, and came here again last night accompanied by his wife [Sophia Edith Rihn]. Harry Hibben, Jr. came from Los Angeles, Wednesday. He has been located there several years. . . .The above mentioned comprise all of the children of the deceased. There are also the following grandchildren: Charles, Billy and Denny, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Corey; Adeline Lee and Annette, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Stacey Hibben, and Vivian and Pearl, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hibben. Dennis Jr. is not married.*<sup>55</sup>

### Generation 4.5 End Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Henry Howe, LL.D., *Historical Collections of Ohio*, 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio, (C. J. Krehbiel & Co., Printers and Binders), volume 1, page 713.

<sup>2</sup> See Chapter VI, Generation 3.4, page 12.

<sup>3</sup> Amelia Barcroft Hibben. See Chapter VI, Generation 3.4.

<sup>4</sup> *Chicago City Directory, 1880*, Chicago, Illinois, (The Lakeside Directory of Chicago), page 540. "Hibben, Harry C., clerk, C. B. & Q. R. R., boards Phoenix hotel."

<sup>5</sup> Marriage License and Certificate, Hennepin County, Minnesota, volume 23, page 428, filed January 23, 1884.

<sup>6</sup> *St. Paul City Directory, 1882-83*, St. Paul, Minnesota, (R. L. Polk & Co. and A. C. Danser, Publishers). Page 383; "Hartman, Lena, waitress St. James Hotel." Page 399; "Hibben, Harry C, clk C M & St P Ry, bds St James Hotel."

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- <sup>7</sup> *St. Paul City Directory, 1887-8*, St. Paul, Minnesota, (R. L. Polk & Co., Publishers). Page 598; “Hibben Harry C, clk Minn Trans Ry Co, res w s Prior av 3 n of University av.”
- <sup>8</sup> E-mail September 9, 1999 from Fay Jean<sup>7</sup> Corey Connolly (*Charles Henry<sup>6</sup>, Amelia Lydia<sup>5</sup> Hibben, Harry Cobb<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*).
- <sup>9</sup> LDS film #1314569, Item 3, Record of Births in Town of Rose, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota for year ending December 31, 1884.
- <sup>10</sup> Return of Births in the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey and State of Minnesota for the year ending December 31, 1886, records spelling as Stace. Social Security Application and obituary record spelling as Stacy.
- <sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, records date of birth as February 28, 1886; Social Security Application, 527-05-3089, dated May 19, 1937, Phoenix, Arizona, records date of birth as January 31, 1886.
- <sup>12</sup> Register of Births, County of Ramsey and State of Minnesota for month ending February 1888, records date of birth as February 3, 1888; Social Security Application, 526-03-5764, dated December 1936, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, records date of birth as March 4, 1889; US Census 1900, T623-45, enumeration 14, sheet 4, line 68, Flagstaff Town, Coconino County, Arizona, records birth as March 1888.
- <sup>13</sup> Stacy Barcroft Hibben. See Chapter VI, Generation 3.4.
- <sup>14</sup> E-mail June 20, 2000 from Annette Hibben<sup>6</sup> Fitzgerald (*Stacy Barcroft Hibben<sup>5</sup>, Harry Cobb<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*).
- <sup>15</sup> Social Security Application #552-28-3919, dated January 27, 1940, El Monte California.
- <sup>16</sup> Letter July 18, 1999 from Annette Hibben Fitzgerald to George C. Hibben.
- <sup>17</sup> Platt Cline, *Mountain Town: Flagstaff's First Century*, 1994, Flagstaff, Arizona, (Northland Publishing Company), page 28.
- <sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, page 42.
- <sup>19</sup> *Coconino Sun*, Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona, October 13, 1900.
- <sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, November 1, 1902.
- <sup>21</sup> *Wilmington Journal*, Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, October 8, 1902, page 5.
- <sup>22</sup> *Arizona Republican*, Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, October 31, 1899.
- <sup>23</sup> *Coconino Sun*, [Note 19], April 30, 1904.
- <sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*, December 25, 1905.
- <sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*, February 20, 1906.
- <sup>26</sup> *Ibid.*, December 29, 1906.
- <sup>27</sup> *Arizona Silver Belt*, Globe City, Pinal County, Arizona, Sept. 27, 1906.
- <sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*,
- <sup>29</sup> *Coconino Sun*, [Note 19], November 20, 1906.
- <sup>30</sup> *Ibid.*, February 14, 1907.
- <sup>31</sup> *Ibid.*, June 27, 1907.
- <sup>32</sup> *Ibid.*, March 19, 1909.
- <sup>33</sup> *Ibid.*, October 28, 1910.
- <sup>34</sup> *Ibid.*, November 15, 1912.
- <sup>35</sup> *Ibid.*, April 13, 1917.
- <sup>36</sup> Audio tape made by Lynn Alden Hibben about 1980 at Stacy Barcroft Hibben's home in Camp Verde, Arizona.
- <sup>37</sup> *Ibid.*, May 2, 1907.
- <sup>38</sup> *Ibid.*, April 6, 1909.
- <sup>39</sup> *Coconino Sun*, [Note 19], January 1, 1912.
- <sup>40</sup> Recollection of Annette Hibben Fitzgerald.
- <sup>41</sup> *Coconino Sun*, [Note 19], March 30, 1917.
- <sup>42</sup> *Ibid.*, April 6, 1917.
- <sup>43</sup> Marriage Records San Diego, County, California, residence San Geromina, age 35.
- <sup>44</sup> *Coconino Sun*, [Note 19], March 15, 1918.
- <sup>45</sup> *Ibid.*, June 19, 1920.
- <sup>46</sup> *Ibid.*, August 21, 1921.

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<sup>47</sup> Ibid., September 22, 1921.

<sup>48</sup> California Voter Registration Records 1900-1968, 1334 California, San Francisco, San Francisco County, California, 1920, roll 25.

<sup>49</sup> E-mail, Annette Hibben Fitzgerald, [Note 14].

<sup>50</sup> Coconino Sun, [Note 21], January 14, 1919.

<sup>51</sup> Ibid., June 11, 1920.

<sup>52</sup> Ibid., March 4, 1932, page 1.

<sup>53</sup> Letter from Harry Cobb Hibben in Hollywood, California to Adeline Todd Hibben, January 14, 1927. Letter in possession of Robert Maxwell<sup>7</sup> Townsend (*Adeline Todd<sup>6</sup> Hibben, Dennis Sullivan<sup>5</sup>, Harry Cobb<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*).

<sup>54</sup> Cline, *Mountain Town: Flagstaff's First Century*, [Note 17], appendix C, page 569.

<sup>55</sup> *Coconino Sun*, [Note 19], March 4, 1932, page 1.