

Descendants of Mary Elizabeth Hibben and Alfred B. Flinn

Generation No. 5.1

MARY ELIZABETH⁵ HIBBEN (*George⁴, Thomas³, Thomas², John¹*) was born Abt. 1845 in Rushville, Rush Co. IN, and died Aft. 1902. She married (1) **ALFRED B. FLINN** May 09, 1865, Rushville, Rush Co., IN, son of **WILLIAM B. FLINN** and **HARRIET** (unknown). He was born Abt. 1843 in IN, and died Bef. 1880. She married (2) **WILLIAM HARRISON COON** October 9, 1896, Denver, Arapahoe Co., CO; d. Aft. 1902

Child of **MARY HIBBEN** and **ALFRED FLINN** is:

- i. **CHARLES P.⁶ FLINN**, b. Abt. 1869, OH.

Edwin Hayden Hibben

EDWIN HAYDEN⁵ HIBBEN (*George⁴, Thomas³, Thomas², John¹*) was born May 14, 1848 in Rushville, Rush Co., IN, and died October 25, 1902 in Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA.

Descendants of Charles K. Hibben and Ella E. Boylan

CHARLES K.⁵ HIBBEN (*George⁴, Thomas³, Thomas², John¹*) was born Abt. 1851 in Rushville, Rush Co., IN, and died 1937, buried East Hill Cemetery, Rushville, Rush Co., IN. He married **ELLA E. BOYLAN** October 24, 1894, Jersey City, Hudson Co., NJ. She was born September 1864 in NJ.

Child of **CHARLES HIBBEN** and **ELLA** (unknown) is:

- i. **LEWIS E.⁶ HIBBEN**, b. August 5, 1896, Jersey City, Hudson Co., NJ

Descendants of Lewis O. Hibben and Catherine Sarah Hungate

LEWIS O.⁵ HIBBEN (*George⁴, Thomas³, Thomas², John¹*) was born May 1857 in Rushville, Rush Co. IN, and died December 14, 1902 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL. He married **CATHERINE SARAH HUNGATE** October 12, 1884, daughter of **GEORGE WASHINGTON HUNGATE** and **MALLISA WOOD**. She was born October 29, 1868 in Blair, Washington Co., NE, and died Aft. 1930.

Child of **LEWIS HIBBEN** and **CATHERINE** (unknown) is:

- i. **EDWIN HAYDEN⁶ HIBBEN**, b. July 29, 1885, NE.

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MARY ELIZABETH HIBBEN Abt. 1845 - Aft. 1902
and husbands

ALFRED B. FLINN Abt. 1843 - Bef. 1880
WILLIAM HARRISON COON - Aft. 1902

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EDWIN HAYDEN HIBBEN 1848 - 1902

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CHARLES K. HIBBEN 1851 - 1937
and
ELLA E. BOYLAN 1864 -

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LEWIS O. HIBBEN 1857 - 1902
and
CATHERINE SARAH HUNGATE 1868 - Aft. 1930

Mary Elizabeth Marries And Moves West

Mary Elizabeth Hibben was born about 1845 in Rushville, Indiana, the second child of Jane Fielding and George Hibben. After her mother's death in 1859, she and her siblings were cared for by their maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Vail Fielding. When George and Helen Hibben removed to Chicago, Illinois from Connorsville, Indiana, George's and Jane's sons, Edwin, Charles and Lewis, joined them. Daughter Mary Elizabeth, who was about 18 when George took a third wife, married Alfred B. Flinn on May 9, 1865 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio.¹ Alfred was a son of William B. Flinn.² William, a merchant, had been one of George's business partners in Rushville. Alfred and Mary Elizabeth had a son, Charles P. Flinn who was born about 1869. The US Census of 1870 records the family living in Rushville where Alfred was a dry goods salesman.³ It is believed that sometime before 1880 Alfred died. The US Census of 1880 lists Mary Elizabeth and Charles living with her brother, Edwin, in Marshalltown, Iowa.⁴ In 1884 the Leadville, Colorado City Directory records that Mrs. M. E. Flinn was employed as a saleslady for the Singer Manufacturing Company. Subsequent directories record that at the age of seventeen in 1886, Charles was employed as an assistant at Feustman & Carnahan and by 1890 he was employed as a timekeeper for Henriett and Maid Consolidated Mining Company. No employment is listed for Mary Elizabeth after 1885.⁵ Mary remarried in Denver, Colorado to William Harrison Coon on October 9, 1896.⁶

The will of Edwin Hayden Hibben drawn on March 27, 1893 names Mrs. Mary Flinn and a nephew, Charles P. Flinn of Leadville, Colorado as beneficiaries.⁷ In Edwin's obituary she is

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referred to as a sister, Mrs. Mary Coon, living in Cripple Creek, Colorado.⁸ The administrator of Edwin's estate identifies her as Mary E. (Flinn) Coon.⁹ No additional information about Mary and her second husband has been found.



Edwin Recognized For Achievements In Insurance And Masonry

Edwin Hibben was born May 14, 1848 in Rushville, Rush County, Indiana. After spending much of his youth with his grandmother, Elizabeth Fielding, he joined his father in Chicago, Illinois. After the great Chicago fire of 1871 destroyed Hibben & Co. where Edwin had been working with his father, he moved to Marshalltown, Marshall County, Iowa. There he established himself in the insurance business and became a prominent Mason. He must have made good use of the Knight Templar regalia bequeathed to him by his father. Little is known of his personal life except that he did not marry. He left \$2,000 and all his personal possessions at 130 West Main Street, Marshalltown, Iowa, to Miss Annie Roubinck/Roubeneck, his housekeeper.¹⁰ Even before his death Edwin was recognized as one of the "Progressive Men of Iowa."

HIBBEN, EDWIN HAYDEN, of Marshalltown, is secretary and manager of the Northern Life association, and to his energy and push, combined with business sagacity and rare executive ability, is due most of the success of his well established and thriving insurance company. . . .He came to Marshalltown in 1875, and opened a loan and insurance office. In 1882 he organized the Northern Life association, and under his skillful management it has grown from a small enterprise to be one of the prominent insurance companies of Iowa. Colonel Hibben is a very enthusiastic worker in civic organizations, and holds membership in nearly every order that has ever been organized. He was twice elected grand chancellor and once supreme representative of the Knights of Pythias, and he organized the first division of the uniformed rank in Iowa, as well as the first section of the endowment rank. He was the first man in Iowa to be commissioned as an instructor in the secret work, and for thirteen consecutive years he has held the commission of aid-de-camp, with the rank of colonel, on the staff of Maj. James R. Carnahan. His original commission, dated May 1, 1884, is the first ever issued to an Iowa Knight. He is a life member of Hesperia Lodge No. 411, A. F. and A. M., of Chicago, the consistory of Lyons, Iowa, and of the Mystic Shrine. He served as deputy grand master of the grand lodge of Iowa, I. O. O. F., and is now grand master. He organized R. Howe Taylor Canton No. 26, at Marshalltown. He is sovereign emir of the world of the Princes of Iran, a member of the Benevolent Elks, Red Men and Royal Arcanum.¹¹

Edwin's obituary adds more about the scope of his membership in various orders. *Mr. Hibben was one of the most prominent Odd Fellows in the country. He was at one time grand master of the state, and attended the meeting just closed in Clinton as grand representative. His membership in the branches of Odd Fellow locally were in Banner Lodge, No. 123; Crocker Encampment, No. 31; R. Howe Taylor Canton No. 36 and Electric Rebekah Lodge No. 231. He was also a member of Cosmopolitan Lodge, K. of P. and was the only man in the state ever*

*to succeed himself as grand chancellor of that order in Iowa. He was the first man to sign the charter of Chippewa Tribe, No. 40, L. O. R. M., and was past sachem of the tribe. He was a member of Marshalltown Lodge, No. 312, B. P. O. E., and of the A. O. U. W. . . . He was a life member of Hesperia Lodge, No. 411, A. F. and A. M. of Chicago; a member of De Molar Consistory of Clinton, and of Za-Ga-Zig Temple, A. A. O. M. S., of Des Moines.*¹²

Edwin's biography in *Biographies and Portraits of the Progressive Men of Iowa* also provides information about his family and life before arriving in Marshalltown.

*Colonel Hibben is the grandson of Thomas Hibben, who, for more than forty years carried on a paying business as a retail dry goods merchant at Wilmington, Ohio. The colonel's father, George Hibben, born at Wilmington, Ohio [Hillsboro, Ohio], in 1818, was also a successful merchant. He moved to Rushville, Ind., in 1837, where he became prominent in many business connections. . . . He removed to Chicago in 1863, and there became a wholesale merchant. . . . Col. E. H. Hibben was born May 14, 1848, at Rushville, Ind. His mother died when he was only 9 years old, and he then went to live with her parents at Sidney, Ohio. Here he received his early schooling, and was given his first lessons in business by clerking in a drug store mornings, evenings and Saturdays. So apt was he in business that at the age of 17 he began life for himself in the wholesale tea, tobacco and cigar trade in Chicago, and for six years conducted [assisting his father] the business with success, but in 1871 lost all he had in the great fire.*¹³

Edwin was only 54 years of age when he died of apoplexy. Although Edwin's obituary stated that he had expressed the wish to be buried in Sidney, Ohio with his grandmother who had raised him, it is believed that he was buried at East Hill Cemetery in Rushville. The fragmentary records of that Cemetery indicate that an Edward Hibben was buried there in 1902. It is believed that the records should read Edwin Hayden Hibben.

The inventory of his estate lists extensive land holdings, many of which were in Christian County, Missouri. It also lists beneficiaries, their addresses and relationship to the testator. In addition to brothers, sisters and nephews, it gives the names of his aunts, Mrs. Emma Bigger and Sarah E. Pugh, and cousins, Clara Bigger and May Dixon. The aunts were sisters of his mother, Jane Fielding Hibben.¹⁴



Charles Becomes A Professional Detective And Accountant

The 1900 Census records that Charles was born April 1851, in Indiana.¹⁵ When his father and brother, Edwin, moved to Chicago to set up business, Charles joined them.¹⁶ The Chicago city directory of 1871 listed him as a salesman at Hibben & Co., with residence at Anderson's European Hotel. By 1889 he had traveled to Denver, Colorado and was employed as the assistant supervisor of the Denver branch of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency.¹⁷ On October 24, 1894 he married Ella E. Boylan, in Jersey City, Hudson Co., New Jersey. A son, Lewis E. Hibben was born August 1896 in Jersey City. The 1910 through 1930 Census reports place Charles and his family in Jersey City, New Jersey where he worked as a detective and accountant for a private detective agency.¹⁸ It is believed that Charles died in 1937 and is buried

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at East Hill Cemetery in Rushville, Indiana.¹⁹ In 1920, Lewis was single and working as an underwriter in Jersey City. Nothing additional has been found about Ella.



Lewis Makes Omaha, Nebraska His Home

Lewis, born in 1857, was just two years old when his mother died. As a teenager, he moved to Chicago where in 1870 he attended school.²⁰ The 1875 Chicago City Directory recorded that Lewis was living with his father [and stepmother, Helen Heron Hibben] and was clerking for brother, Edwin. By 1880 he had moved to Omaha, Nebraska where he first worked as a clerk at the Creighton House hotel.²¹ He must have been athletic for he became the captain and pitcher for the original Union Pacific Railroad sponsored the 'Omaha Nine' baseball team.

*U.P.H.B.C. The U. P. headquarters have organized a base ball club, and will apply for admission to the league. It is made up as follows: Louis [Lewis] Hibben, captain and pitcher; Mr. Hart, catcher; Mr. Collier, s. s.; R. H. Delihay, first base. . .*²²

On October 12, 1884, at the age of twenty-seven, Lewis married Catherine Sarah Hungate. She was born in Blair, Washington County, Nebraska in October 29, 1868.²³ She was just sixteen when she married Lewis. Their son, Edwin Hayden Hibben (named for his uncle), was born July 29, 1885 in Nebraska.²⁴

In 1886 the Omaha City Directory recorded that Lewis and a partner were operating a saloon.²⁵ Lewis then formed Hibben & Co. to operate a casino and present variety shows. Not all inhabitants of Omaha were pleased with the operation and clientele.

*RELIEVED OF HIS WEALTH. Charles Finley is Robbed of \$150 at the New Casino. Charles Finley, a Jefferson, Ia., farmer was robbed last night of \$150. The perpetrator of the job was a prostitute, and the place, one of the wine rooms of Lew Hibben's new casino, Douglas Street. Finley met the woman early in the afternoon, and after drinking in several places, Hibben's dive was visited, where more drink was consumed. He fell asleep and upon being awakened about 8 o'clock, he discovered that all his money was missing. The police authorities complain that the New Casino is becoming the resort of the toughest characters in the city. . .*²⁶

*The Bluffs is to have a variety show this week, and as much longer as the support will warrant it. Hibben & Co., of Omaha, will open this evening at Platner's hall on Upper Broadway, and will remain as long as the supply of sheckles [shekels] is satisfactory.*²⁷

Lewis' evidently moved to Sioux City, Iowa, because his brother Edwin's will provided an address for him there in 1893. By 1898 he was back in Omaha, the proprietor of The Wellington, a saloon,²⁸ and shortly thereafter, the census of 1900 states that Lewis was employed as a Chicago saloon keeper.²⁹ Lewis died at the age of forty-seven of pulmonary tuberculosis on December 14, 1902, in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. He was buried in Rushville, Indiana.³⁰ Catherine died sometime after 1930.

Additional Information Concerning The Son of Lewis and Catherine

Edwin Hayden Hibben was just seventeen when his father died. There is no way of knowing if his inheritance from his uncle passed to him at that time: *To my nephew, and namesake, Edwin H. Hibben, infant son of my brother, L. O. Hibben, the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars.* However, it is certain that a desire to follow in his father's theater and show business footsteps had been passed on. Only documents from the 1915 to 1920 period give a brief view of Edwin's activities. No trace has been found after that time. The series of events from January 28th to October 7th 1915 reported by several Wyoming newspapers speak to E. H. Hibben's career as a vaudeville theatrical agent or, perhaps, as a con man.

January 28th *The folks were agreeably surprised 1st Friday to note the arrival of James M. Ryan back to his beautiful ranch known as the Buena Vista. He was met at the train by a large aggregation of friends and warmly welcomed. All that Mr. Ryan had to say was that he was glad to get back again to this land where good people live. Mr. Ryan is making preparations to enlarge his ranch and is about to start the completion of his new barn. He was accompanied by Edw. H. Hibben a well known Chicago theatrical manager connected with the Affiliated Booking Co. Chicago and lately associated with Geo. M. Cohan, Rock and Fulton and other well known stars. Mr. Hibben says he certainly likes this country and the people and expects to stay out here for some time to thoroughly enjoy a good rest after years of hard work in the show business.*³¹

April 6th Vaudeville for Fair Week. *E. H. Hibben, of the Affiliated Attractions, Chicago, Ill, through negotiations with Louis Rosenbaum, manager and lessee of the New Princess Theater, signed contracts whereby E. H. Hibben will present a vaudeville bill of Eastern Headliners during State Fair week. There is no doubt but what this engagement will be the theatrical event of the season, knowing Mr. Hibben's connection with one of the large vaudeville circuits of the middle west, and that he has rented the Princess Theater outright for State Fair week, the amount involved being a large sum, we await with anticipation the announcement of the names of the Artists that will compose this program of all headline vaudeville acts. For this attraction we understand that all seats will be reserved and on sale several days in advance. Mr. Hibben is at present making his headquarters in Manville, where he is visiting on the Double 'R' Ranch for the benefit of his health.*³²

May 25th *Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hibben arrived in the city Sunday from Chadron, Nebr., where they have been visiting a week with relatives. Mrs. Hibben is a gifted singer and dancer, and has just finished a most successful season, playing in New York, Chicago and other large cities in the east and has come to Wyoming for recreation, where she and her husband will spend the summer. They will be guests at the Double R ranch. Mrs. Hibben, who is known as Norine Coffey, 'Vaudeville's Princess of Song,' will be one of the leading attractions at the Princess Theater in Douglas during Fair week.*³³

July 27th Road Show to Play at Princess Fair Week. *E. H. Hibben of the Affiliated Booking Company of Chicago has leased the Princess Theater for the week of the State Fair this fall and will present some of the best acts to be seen on the Sullivan and Considine circuit. This show comes to Wyoming direct from the*

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*pacific Coast cities and Douglas people will enjoy a really first class attraction of this kind. It is composed of all headline vaudeville including the following acts: The Flying LaMars, America's foremost aerialists; Al Harrington & Co., in the 'Crazy Janitor;' ventriloquists in a novelty production, 'On the Farm;' Granville & Mack, singing musical novelty; Pistel's 1916 Musical Comedy Review; and a special surprise feature to be announced later. No doubt this splendid attraction will draw many visitors to Douglas this fall.*³⁴

September 21st Sullivan & Considine Shows At the Princess Fair Week. *The theater goers of Douglas should bear in mind that during the week of the Wyoming State Fair E. H. Hibben, traveling representative of the Affiliated Booking Company of Chicago, will present the Affiliated Attractions with the Sullivan & Considine Road Show at the Princess Theater. . . This company comes to Wyoming direct from the coast, playing last week in Ogden, Utah, and is playing in Casper this week. Casper and Douglas are the only cities in the state which will entertain the company. From this city they go back to the regular circuit, playing in the larger cities only to the Atlantic coast. . . After finishing his engagement in Douglas, Mr. Hibben will probably go West to look over the possibilities for the establishment of motion picture houses by the Affiliated Booking company who control the bookings of both the Sullivan & Considine and their own houses.*³⁵

September 30th VAUDEVILLE AT PRINCESS - Road Show Gives Two Good Performances. *At the Princess a competent company of vaudeville artists gave two very good shows on Monday and Tuesday evenings to full houses. The vaudevillians gave a little bit of everything in their entertainment and the offerings were well received. . . This show was to have come to the Princess under the management of E. H. Hibben, who claimed to represent the Affiliated Booking Company of Chicago. He leased the Princess for fair week and the Iris Theater at Casper for the week of the Natrona county fair. Business at Casper was not up to his expectations, so on Friday night Hibben gathered up the week's receipts, amounting to about \$600, and took the night train for parts unknown. The members of the company were paid nothing for their week's work, and the owner of the theater was out the rent for his house and the advertising bills of the newspapers remain unsettled.*³⁶

October 7th HIBBEN ARRESTED---RELEASED. *E. H. Hibben, who left Casper without paying his bills incurred in playing a vaudeville company at the Iris, was arrested in Chadron, but was released because it could not be shown that he had committed a crime. He paid his hotel bill and the other debts are simply debts--only that and nothing more. And the creditors mourneth.*³⁷

Edwin registered for the WWI draft in September 1918 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania stating he was the treasurer of the Pitt Theater and his closest of kin was Mrs. Edwin H. Hibben. Just two years later the 1920 Census recorded Edwin living in Denver, Colorado, age thirty-seven, single and managing a motion picture house. Edwin's wife's maiden name is unknown. Norine Coffey was a stage name and it is possible she was not his wife at all. When more documentation is found about Edwin and Norine, it most likely will be surprising.

Generation 5.1 End Notes:

- ¹ Cincinnati Daily Gazette, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, May 12, 1865.
- ² US Census 1850, M432-170, page 428, line 25, Rushville, Rush County, Indiana.
- ³ US Census 1870, M593-356, page 424, line 40, Rushville, Rush County, Indiana.
- ⁴ US Census 1880, T9-355, page 185D, 4th Ward, Marshalltown, Marshall County, Iowa.
- ⁵ Ancestry.com, "Leadville, Colorado City Directories, 1882 - 90."
- ⁶ Marriage Index, Colorado 1859 - 1939, Certificate #19942. "Flynn, Mary E. - Coon, Wm. Harrison - 9 Oct. 1896 - Denver City, Arapahoe County." [Note: Denver County was formed out of part of Arapahoe County in 1902].
- ⁷ Photo copy of handwritten last will and testament prepared in Marshalltown, Iowa.
- ⁸ *Evening Times-Republican*, Marshalltown, Marshall County, Iowa, October, 25, 1902.
- ⁹ *Marshall County, Iowa Court House of Common Pleas*, Packet #2117, volume 7, page 188.
- ¹⁰ US Census 1900, T623-448, page 20B, line 95, enumeration 12, Marshalltown, Marshall County, Iowa.
- ¹¹ B. F. Gue, *Biographies and Portraits of the Progressive Men of Iowa*, 1899, Des Moines, Iowa (Conaway & Shaw, Publishers), page 231.
- ¹² *Evening Times-Republican*, [Note 8].
- ¹³ Gue, *Biographies and Portraits of the Progressive Men of Iowa*, [Note 11], page 231.
- ¹⁴ *Marshall County, Iowa Court House Records, Common Pleas*, [Note 9].
- ¹⁵ US Census 1900, T623-890, enumeration 137, sheet 16, line 8, 193 Clesk street, Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey.
- ¹⁶ US Census 1870, M593-198, page 82, household 1350, Ward 1, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.
- ¹⁷ Ballenger & Richards Seventeenth Annual Denver City Directory, 1889, page 417 and advertisement on page 1076.
- ¹⁸ US Census 1910, T624-890, page 178, line 93, Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey; US Census 1920, T625-1045, page 149, line 85, Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey; T626-1352, enumeration 75, page 1B, Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey.
- ¹⁹ East Hill Cemetery interment records, Rushville, Rush County, Indiana.
- ²⁰ US Census 1870, M593-200, page 86, household 1110, 4th Ward, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.
- ²¹ *Wolf's Omaha City Directory, 1880-81*, page 182.
- ²² *Omaha Daily Bee*, Omaha, Nebraska, June 24, 1880.
- ²³ Hungate Family Historical Society, <http://worldconnect.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=tsmith2>.
- ²⁴ Ancestry.com, <http://www.militaryindexes.com/worldwarone>, Online Draft Registration Card, September 12, 1918.
- ²⁵ *Omaha City & Douglas County Directory, 1886*.
- ²⁶ *Omaha Daily Bee*, [Note 22], December 11, 1888
- ²⁷ *Ibid.* December 17, 1888.
- ²⁸ *McVoy's Omaha City Register, 1898*.
- ²⁹ US Census 1900, T623-259, enumeration 364, page 2, line 1, 159 Wood Street, Westtown, Cook County, Illinois.
- ³⁰ City of Chicago, Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, electronic, #5634.
- ³¹ *Niobrara County News*, Wyoming, January 28, 1915.
- ³² *Douglas Enterprise*, Douglas, Wyoming, April 6, 1915.
- ³³ *Ibid.* May 25, 1915.
- ³⁴ *Ibid.* July 27, 1915.
- ³⁵ *Ibid.* September 21, 1915.
- ³⁶ *Bill Barlow's Budget and Converse County Review*, Douglas, Wyoming, September 30, 1915.

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³⁷ Ibid, October 7, 1915.