

Descendants of Samuel Entriiken Hibben and Grace Miller Neemes

Generation No. 5.2

SAMUEL ENTRIKEN⁵ HIBBEN (*George⁴, Thomas³, Thomas², John¹*) was born March 31, 1870 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL, and died September 25, 1927 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL. He married **GRACE MILLER NEEMES** January 18, 1899 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL, daughter of **JOHN CHANDLER NEEMES** and **VIRGINIA MILLER**. She was born April 02, 1872 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL, and died January 02, 1944 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL.

Children of **SAMUEL HIBBEN** and **GRACE NEEMES** are:

- i. **VIRGINIA⁶ HIBBEN**, b. March 10, 1902, Chicago, Cook Co., IL; d. October 03, 1989, Grosse Pointe, Wayne Co., MI. She m. **PAUL McNAIR BECKER** October 17, 1925, Chicago, Cook Co., IL; b. August 31, 1899, Chicago, Cook Co., IL; d. March 19, 1974, Grosse Pointe, Wayne Co., MI.
- ii. **SAMUEL ENTRIKEN HIBBEN, Jr.**, b. August 04, 1904, Chicago, Cook Co., IL; d. July 14, 1953, Michigan City, La Porte Co., IN. He m. (1) **CATHERINE FRANCIS CAMPBELL** June 02, 1927, Chicago, Cook Co., IL; b. August 12, 1904, Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO; d. May 27, 1985, Greenwich, Fairfield Co., CT. He m. (2) (Unknown) Abt. 1940. He m. (3) **JEANNE LOUISE BERGESON** Aft. 1940; b. June 09, 1908, Beloit, Rock Co., WI; d. March 1985, Michigan City, La Porte Co., IN
- iii. **EDWARD RECTOR HIBBEN**, b. September 05, 1907, Chicago, Cook Co., IL; d. December 09, 1961, Evanston, Cook Co., IL. He m. **VIRGINIA CHAPMAN** October 05, 1929, Oak Park, Cook Co., IL; b. April 25, 1906, Oak Park, Cook Co., IL; d. October 06, 1993, Hinsdale, Du Page Co., IL.
- iv. **GEORGE NEEMES HIBBEN**, b. September 19, 1909, Chicago, Cook Co., IL; d. February 06, 1977, Winnetka, Cook Co., IL. He m. **HELEN METCALF MIX** September 10, 1932, Chicago, Cook Co., IL; b. November 3, 1910, Chicago, Cook Co., IL; d. September 5, 2004, Winnetka, Cook Co., IL.

Revised 06/2004, 06/10 & 11/10

HERON KEVAN HIBBEN 1865 - 1921

and

RUTH GLIDDEN 1876 - 1963

◆◆◆◆

GEORGE HIBBEN 1868 - 1939

and

MAE B. BARSLEY 1873 - 1951

◆◆◆◆

SAMUEL ENTRIKEN HIBBEN 1870 - 1927

and

GRACE MILLER NEEMES 1872 - 1944

*George Hibben is dead, but his spirit goes marching on.
And so it is with men who by their deeds make footprints in the sand of time.
We are born to die.
Life and death is an unfathomable mystery.
After all, the important fact is not that we have lived,
nor that we die,
but how we have lived.¹*

George Hibben obituary

A Late Marriage And Career Change For Heron

Heron Hibben, born April 4, 1865 in Chicago, Illinois, was the first child of George Hibben and Helen Heron. During his youth he divided his time between Chicago and Connersville, Fayette County, Indiana.

Heron K. Hibben, who for the past six months has been visiting his grandma Heron and Billy, at Glen Heron, just south of the city, left Saturday for his home in Chicago.²

The 1900 US Census records Heron, known as Harry, at age 35 living with his mother, Helen Heron Hibben and being employed as a druggist.³ He married Ruth Glidden on August 31, 1904 in Hamilton County, Ohio. He was 39 and Ruth was 28.⁴

Descendants of Ruth's cousin Bertha provided this biographical sketch.
John and Ruth Glidden [first cousins] who lived in Cincinnati in the later part of the nineteenth century had three children, all girls. . . . When Ruth, the youngest child was born she was so frail and tiny she was not expected to live. Her Uncle Frank rushed the baby by Ohio River steamboat to her Aunt's [Bertha Hall Sickles] in the country near Wheelersburg, Ohio. The baby was wrapped in cotton wool (which sounded very romantic to me, but turns out to be absorbent cotton.) The infant was fed from the milk of the same cow (which was near as they could get to the uniformity of a formula then.) She survived, and it turned she outlived all her sisters. The family thought she was a musical prodigy. She

THE THOMAS HIBBEN LINE

*started to play the piano when she was three or four years old. A little later she was given voice training. In her high school years she attended boarding schools at no great distance from her home. She went to Chambers College in Pottsville Pennsylvania, and then to Pratt Institute in New York City for training to teach kindergarten. While there she was under the watchful eye of her cousin, who was the daughter of the inventor of the typewriter and who was a teacher at Pratt. Ruth taught kindergarten a few years, then she married Heron Kevin [Kevan] Hibben. He had first been a pharmacist, but later became a partner with his brother as the head of boiler making company. The Hibbens lived in Chicago. They had no children, but were very fond of boys and girls, especially the children of her cousin Bertha who also lived in Chicago. Ruth (his sister) and Jenckes Mason (my father) [Nancy Glidden Mason Jones' father] were always very fond of her, Ruth Glidden Hibben. She was very sad when her husband died. She went back to Cincinnati where she had lived as a child, and where she had relatives and friends. She lived there many years until she died as an old, old woman.*⁵

There were no children of this marriage. For some time Heron was a pharmacist at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, but in about 1910 he left to assist his brother, George, at Hibben & Co., Boilermakers.⁶ He was secretary and treasurer of the firm at the time of his death.

In his last will and testament dated August 13, 1915 he appointed Ruth Glidden Hibben executrix and sole beneficiary.⁷ The following obituary was published at Connersville, Indiana.

*Word has been received here of the death of Harry K. Hibben, age 55 years, which occurred yesterday morning at the residence in Chicago, following a week's illness of heart trouble. Deceased is survived by the widow and two brothers, George and Samuel Hibben, residents of Chicago. Mr. Hibben was nephew of Mrs. Caroline Heron of Western avenue. Funeral services will be held in Chicago Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Hibben had made numerous friends during frequent visit to relatives in the city.*⁸



George Founds Boiler Making Firm And Improves Glen Heron

George Hibben was born March 30, 1868, in Chicago, Illinois. He became a very successful industrialist. His firm manufactured large steam boilers which were used in heavy industry. Units were purchased by the old Iroquois Iron Company and the Interlake Iron Corporation. His factory at 9376 Ewing Avenue in South Chicago was housed in a cubist brick building with towering smokestacks typical of industrial facilities of the early 1900s. "Hibben & Company, Boilermakers" was painted in large white letters on one side of the building.⁹ George started his career as a draftsman in 1890, then started a partnership called Hibben & Hill in 1896, and by 1905 was President of Hibben & Company.¹⁰

Of Helen Heron Hibben's three children, George apparently was most interested in the Glen Heron homestead. (Plate 7) Before her death in 1919 he spent his summer vacations there, driving down to Connersville, Indiana from Chicago in an open touring automobile. Then after her death he assumed responsibility for maintenance and operation of the farm. George constructed a separate house for the resident caretaker and farmer, William Lot Hamilton and he added a kitchen addition at the rear of the house. Cemented into the field stone fireplace in the

addition are dozens of Indian artifacts found on the farm; arrow heads, tomahawks, spear points and scrapers.¹¹ George improved some fields using large excavators to dig drainage ditches and set up a production facility on the farm to manufacture steel reinforced concrete fence posts. The posts surrounding the fields remain in excellent condition after seventy years. After George's death, the Hamilton family farmed the land and cared for the house until it was sold in 1954.

Marriage And Community Activities

Like his brother, Heron, George married late in life and had no heirs. At the age of 53 on June 29, 1921, George married Mae B. Barsley. She survived him by twelve years, dying in 1951. Also, like his father and many of his brothers and half brothers, he was active in Masonry. He was a member of the Kenwood Lodge No. 800 of the A. F. & A. M., the Medina Temple Order of the Mystic Shrine and several other Orders. (Plate 9)

George served on the first board of directors of the South Chicago Y. M. C. A. and for many years thereafter. He also was a member and served as president of the South Chicago Club which provided guidance and support to young men.¹²

Tributes To "Uncle" George

When George Hibben died the Indiana Historical Society published the following biography.

GEORGE HIBBEN (March 30, 1868 - November 14, 1939), though a native of Chicago, had many ties with Indiana. His mother was Helen Heron, of Connersville, and his father, George Hibben, belonged to a family which had similar traditions and branches in Indianapolis. The last services for him were conducted on Friday, November 17, 1939, in the old Heron homestead south of Connersville. This was his second home in boyhood and his summer home in later years; it has been in the possession of the family for more than a hundred years. His life centered, however, in South Chicago. He graduated from South Division High School in Chicago and began his industrial career as a mechanic in the company of Weir and Craig. The firm of Hibben and Hill, boilermakers, was founded in 1896. It later became Hibben and Company, with George Hibben president. He was active in civic affairs and was president of the South Chicago Club, serving for many years also on the board of directors of the South Chicago Y. M. C. A. His kindly nature and genial disposition made him popular among his associates and long ago brought him the general greeting of "Uncle" George. He retired from active business in 1937. In March, 1939, on his seventy-first birthday, he was the guest of honor at a dinner of the South Chicago Club. He entertained many of the members that summer at his Connersville home. On June 29, 1921, Mr. Hibben married Mae. B. Barsley, who survives him. He became a member of the Indiana Historical Society in 1926.¹³

The *Daily Calumet* article, reprinted by the Connersville paper, recounted George's comments about the honors bestowed by the South Chicago Club, and added a final tribute.

The response of "Uncle" George was typical of the modesty of the man. He said: "I don't understand all this effervescence of esteem for me. What have I done to deserve all this? I always have counted as life's greatest riches, the love and affection of my fellowmen and this expression of your regard warms my heart.

THE THOMAS HIBBEN LINE

*You must all come out and see me at Connersville this Spring. And his "boys" did.*¹⁴

*By his leadership he contributed much to building the boys of yesterday who are the men at the helm of South Chicago's most important posts today. . . .And, so, his spirit rides on leading his "boys" to new achievements in making the world a better place in which to live and to new skylines of manhood. Uncle George left this world a better place than when he found it.*¹⁵

Mae B. Hibben was the executrix and sole legatee of George Hibben's Estate. His assets consisted of cash, stocks and bonds with a total value of \$23,598.40. After expenses, \$17,967.68 was disbursed to Mae. In the Inventory of Executrix filed on Feb. 20, 1940 on the page titled REAL ESTATE, appears the word 'None'. The Glen Heron property in Connersville, Indiana may have been deeded to Mae before George died. Among the stock holdings was Certificate No. 20 for 4 shares of Hibben & Co. valued @ \$15 each, "held only as qualifying decedent to act as Director." At some time prior to his death he had sold his company, but remained on the Board of Directors.¹⁶



Samuel Attends School In Chicago And Becomes A Patent Attorney

Samuel Enriken Hibben, the youngest son of George Hibben and Helen Heron was born March 31, 1870 and raised in Chicago. He attended the Union College of Law and graduated in June of 1890.

*Fifty-four legal luminaries, graduates of the Union College of Law had a field day at Central Music Hall yesterday. Their faces were radiant with the glow of success as they filed down the center of the hall between the rows of fair friends who were present to witness the crowning of their efforts. . . . The prize of six valuable law books for the best thesis on a practical subject was gained by William H. Tutee, Samuel E. Hibben obtaining honorable mention for his essay on Taxation of Land Values.*¹⁷

After graduation Samuel was associated with the firm of Banning & Banning, a leading law firm in Chicago specializing in patent law. He then practiced alone for a while after which he formed a partnership with Lewis L. Coburn under the name of Coburn and Hibben. Then another partnership, Coburn, Hibben and McElroy was formed in 1898.¹⁸ Samuel left this firm and joined with Mr. Edward Rector in the firm in which he would gain rank and reputation, Rector & Hibben. As the firm grew new partners were added and when Mr. Rector died in 1925, Samuel became the senior partner of Rector, Hibben & Davis and Rector.¹⁹ The date of his association with Mr. Rector must have been prior to 1907 as he named his second son Edward Rector Hibben.²⁰

Many of the cases tried by Samuel before the Supreme Court of the United States such as, B. F. Goodrich Co. v. Consolidated Rubber Tire Co.,²¹ Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co. v. William H. Keller, Inc.²², and Barber Asphalt Paving Co. v. Standard Asphalt & Rubber Co.²³ remain as references cited in current cases. These cases support the statement in his obituary. *"Before the time of his death Mr. Hibben had reached the foremost rank in his branch of the profession, and during the last twenty-five years had been engaged in much of the important litigation in this*

country. *His practice was extensive and he had appeared in many Federal Courts, from one end of the country to the other.*"²⁴ Samuel was president of the American Patent Law Association at the time of his death, and was past president of the Patent Law Association of Chicago. He was a member of the American, Illinois, Chicago and New York Bar Associations. His obituary continued: *"As a lawyer Mr. Hibben was notable for his industry in gathering and presenting every fact pertinent to any litigation he conducted, and his thoroughness in presenting his case. He made his client's cause his own and was unswervingly loyal and indefatigable in his advocacy of it."*²⁵

On January 18, 1899 Samuel married Grace Miller Neemes in Chicago. The 1900 US Census records them living at 406 60th Street. Shortly afterwards they moved to 7237 Euclid Avenue in suburban South Shore where four children were born: Virginia in 1902, Samuel E. Jr. in 1904, Edward Rector in 1907 and George Neemes in 1909. Their next move in 1913 was to a stately mansion at 4849 Ellis Avenue in the Hyde Park neighborhood. The University of Chicago, where his children attended college, was nearby. A box of Samuel's personal papers, legal documents, several scrapbooks containing automotive clippings, and photos have been handed down by his eldest daughter, Virginia, and her Becker descendants to George C. Hibben. Of greatest value is his photographic legacy which portrays family activities associated with automobiles.

A Fascination About Automobiles

Samuel's favorite recreation was automobiling, as it was called in the early 1900s. He was able to afford large touring automobiles and he and his family were often photographed in or along side them. (Plate 7) In 1911 Samuel became a member of the Chicago Athletic Association's automobile team for the Interclub Reliability Runs against the Chicago Automobile Club. In 1916 a newspaper stated: *"Hibben has been in eleven contests and always made a perfect score."*²⁶

Samuel's brother, George, was on the Run to Peoria in April, 1914, as a member of the Chicago Automobile Club's team. In 1915 Samuel became captain of the C.A.A. team and in 1916, George became captain of the C.A.C. team. The 1916 interclub run was referred to as Hibben vs. Hibben. Speedway Park in Chicago was completed in 1915 and Samuel was listed in the June 19th race program as Technical Chairman. And, in 1917 at the automobile show, 'leading luminaries of motoring' met to establish an East vs. West Reliability Run. Samuel was named the chairman of the organizational committee.²⁷

Automobiling was also an important family activity. Samuel took his family in two open touring vehicles to visit family and distant places. Photos record them in Minnesota visiting the Neemes family at Mound, Minnesota; with Helen Heron Hibben at Glen Heron at Connersville, Indiana; with Joseph M. Hibben²⁸ at Hillsboro, Ohio; and visiting the sights in the mountains of Colorado and the seacoast of California. Roads, tires and engines were far from perfect which made the trips a great challenge and an adventure. Passing autos would stop to exchange information about road conditions and fuel supplies. Often tires were changed and repaired daily.²⁹

Samuel Dies At An Early Age

Samuel E. Hibben. . . died suddenly last night following an operation at the Michael Reese Hospital. He was 57 years old. Several months ago Mr. Hibben collapsed while arguing a case at Washington, D.C. and an operation was then

THE THOMAS HIBBEN LINE

*performed for acute appendicitis. He failed to recover fully, so the second operation was advised. . . .He is survived by his widow, Grace Neemes Hibben; a daughter, Mrs. Paul Becker, and his sons, Edward, George and Samuel E. Hibben, Jr.*³⁰

Grace Neemes Hibben died on January 4, 1944 and she was buried along side of Samuel at Oak Woods Cemetery on Chicago's south side.

Additional Information About The Four Children Of Samuel And Grace Hibben

Virginia Hibben was born March 10, 1902 and attended high school and college near her home in Chicago. When she found a newspaper article reporting the tuition of the University of Chicago in 1983 had been raised to \$7,920 per year, she wrote this note to her daughter:

*When I entered U. of C. in 1918 - age 16 - the tuition was \$50 a quarter, having just been raised from \$40. I was on a 1 year scholarship \$150 from Hyde Park High School for highest grades in graduating class, in tie with Frances Crozier, later Mrs. Percival T. Gates. This was continued for a second year, if we maintained "B" average. We did more than that, graduating with a Phi Beta Kappa.*³¹

On October 17, 1925 at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Virginia married Paul McNair Becker. He was born August 31, 1899 and also attended the University of Chicago. The 1930 US Census recorded that he was a broker in the stock exchange and the Becker family lived on Jeffery Avenue in the South Shore district of Chicago.³² Their first born son, Paul McNair Becker, Jr. was born November 10, 1926 and died of meningitis December 6, 1929. Their next child, Bruce Hibben Becker, was born March 26, 1929 and on November 11, 1933 also died of meningitis. Virginia Becker was born next followed by Donald McNair Becker, born May 14, 1932. He died 14 April 2004 in Sylvania, Lucas County, Ohio.³³ Their last child was Graechen Becker.

Paul McNair Becker died March 19 1974 in Grosse Pointe, Wayne County, Michigan.³⁴ Virginia Hibben Becker died October 3, 1989, also in Grosse Pointe.³⁵ Both are buried in the Hibben family lot at Oak Woods Cemetery in Chicago.³⁶

Samuel Entriken Hibben, Jr. was born August 4, 1904 and graduated from Hyde Park high school before attending the University of Chicago. In 1920, at the age of 17, Samuel E. Hibben, Jr. joined the race circuit representing the South Shore County Club. His father chose for him a Mercer racer which had set the world's amateur record over the Chicago Speedway in 1916. *"He picked the combination of a clever driver and a fast car. Emerging from the dust cloud kicked up by all the cars, . . .it was some ride young Sam gave us and we solemnly swear that the speedometer notched around seventy an hour on more than one stretch."*³⁷ Sam was a football star in high school and college. At the University of Chicago he played for the legendary coach, Amos Alonzo Stagg. He was selected to the guard's position on the All Big Ten team several years, including 1925 when 'Red' Grange of Illinois was selected as quarterback.³⁸ That year Chicago played Dartmouth in the national championship game. Unfortunately, Dartmouth stars, Oberlander and Lane, put on a 'bewildering air attack' and routed Chicago 33 to 7.³⁹

On June 2, 1927 Sam married Catherine Francis Campbell.

CAMPBELL-HIBBEN WEDDING AT REDEEMER CHURCH IS COLORFUL. In a bouffant gown of white taffeta and chiffon beaded in pearls, and a long veil of lace and tulle, and with a shower bouquet of white orchids and lilies-of-the-valley, Miss Catherine Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Campbell, 6827 Merrill ave., became the bride of Samuel Hibben, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Hibben, 4849 Ellis ave., at an 8:30 o'clock ceremony last evening at the Church of the Redeemer. The Rev. John Henry Hopkins officiated. Following the wedding, a reception for more than 300 guests was held in the ballroom of the Shoreland hotel. Pastel bouffant taffeta in deep peach and blue shades fashioned the gown of Mrs. Paul McNair Becker, the matron of honor, and Miss Elizabeth R. Poole, the maid of honor. They wore leghorn hats and carried roses in harmonizing shades. Miss Natalie Combs, Miss Dorothy Nettleton, Miss Alta Cundy, Miss Catherine Fitzgerald, Mrs. Harry L. Thomas and Mrs. William J. Gallinger, the bridesmaids, wore delicate shades of taffeta fashioned bouffant, large colored hair-cloth hats and carried arm bouquets of roses. Edward Hibben, a brother of the bridegroom, was the best man and Paul McNair Becker, George Hibben, Eugene Lydon, Harry Thomas, Arnold Shoop, Frank Mooney, Robert Curley, Benjamin Turner and Philip VanDeventer were the ushers. Mr. Hibben and his bride are motoring West on an extended honeymoon trip. After August 1 they will reside in Southtown.⁴⁰

Sam and Kay, as she was known, had one son, Samuel Entriken Hibben, III, born October 15, 1929, died September 13, 2020 in Anaheim, Orange County, California.⁴¹ In 1930 the US Census recorded that Sam was a real estate broker.⁴² He tried other employment opportunities, but never found the right one or had a successful career. Between 1935 and 1946 Kay was employed by radio station W-G-N in Chicago as an announcer and between 1937 and 1963 was a daytime radio and TV soap opera star.⁴³ On the air she was known as Kay Campbell. Sam and Kay were divorced before 1940.

Sam remarried twice, once, to an unknown woman and then to Jeanne Louise Bergeson. Sam died July 4, 1953 in Michigan City, La Porte Co., Indiana and was buried in the Hibben family lot at Oak Woods Cemetery, Chicago. Jeanne died in March 1985 in Michigan City, La Porte County, Indiana.⁴⁴

Samuel E. Hibben -- Services for Samuel E. Hibben [Jr.], 48, of Long Beach, Ind., who died Tuesday in Warren hospital, Michigan City, will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow in the Oak Woods cemetery chapel. Mr. Hibben was a football star at the University of Chicago, where he was graduated in 1926, and was a Chicago resident before moving to Long Beach. Surviving are his widow Jeanne B.; a son, Samuel E. Jr.[III]; and a sister [Virginia] and two brothers [Edward and George].⁴⁵

Following Kay's death on May 27, 1985, newspapers all over the country printed accounts of her lengthy and successful career.

Kay Campbell, who for the past 15 years played Kate Martin in the soap opera "All My Children," died Monday of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. She was 80. Campbell, whose real name was Catherine Hibben, had been hospitalized since the accident on May 11. Campbell, a charter member of the

THE THOMAS HIBBEN LINE

American Federation of Television and Radio Artists and a member of the Screen Actors Guild, began her broadcasting career in Chicago in 1935 after two years as a fashion model. She had parts in the radio shows "Helen Trent," "Back Stage Wife," "Story of Mary Marlin," Myrt and Marge," "Lucky Girl," "Painted Dreams" and "Ma Perkins." She moved to New York in 1946, where she continued on radio with "Ma Perkins," "Just Plain Bill" and "Front Page Farrell." She then shifted to television, playing Mrs. Benedict in "Guiding Light" and Rose Pollock in "Edge of Night." She also was the hostess of "The Armstrong Circle Theater" from 1950 to 1954. A graduate of the University of Chicago, Campbell was publisher of the New York Athletic Club Magazine from 1962 to 1970.⁴⁶

Edward Rector Hibben was born September 5, 1907 and like his older siblings, attended Hyde Park high school and the University of Chicago. He played football under Amos Alonzo Stagg, but did not earn the accolades as had his older brother.

Edward and George Hibben, sons of Samuel E. Hibben of 4849 Ellis avenue, motored to Colorado this summer to visit their father who has been recuperating following an operation for appendicitis. Edward is a junior at the University of Chicago and a splendid athlete. It is expected that he will make the football team this season. George has just graduated from Hyde Park high school where he was captain of the soccer team and champion hurdler and sprinter. He also hopes to be acceptable to Stagg for Midway football.⁴⁷

While at the university Ed, as he was called, met Virginia 'Ginny' Chapman and they were married October 5, 1929 in Oak Park, Illinois. They lived in an apartment in Chicago's South Shore district, at 6901 Oglesby Avenue for over twenty years before moving to Winnetka, Illinois.

The marriage of Miss Virginia Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Chapman of Oak Park, to Edward Rector Hibben, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Hibben of Chicago, took place on Oct. 5 at the Oak Park Country Club.⁴⁸

Ed first worked as a printing company salesman,⁴⁹ but after a few years was employed by his father-in-law's firm, Riverdale Products Company. He divided his time between the animal feed manufacturer's plant in Hammond, Indiana and its offices on Wacker Drive in Chicago. After the death of George Chapman in 1943, Ed and his brother-in-law, Theron T. Chapman, managed the firm. After the plant closed, the firm operated as an animal feed brokerage operation.

Ed and Ginny had two sons, Edward Rector, Jr. and George Chapman Hibben. During the 1930s and early 1940s the family spent portions of each summer at Star Lake in northern Wisconsin. Ed, George Chapman and the boys enjoyed fishing for walleyed pike and living in the rustic summer cottages. During WWII Virginia was active fund raising for the Community and War Fund drive.⁵⁰ After the war she continued assisting the annual Community Fund drives. While living in Winnetka she volunteered at the Rush – Presbyterian – St. Luke's Hospital. Ed died of an aneurysm December 9, 1961. His ashes were spread in the natural garden which he loved behind his house.

Services for Edward R. Hibben, 54, of 170 Birch st., Winnetka, who died Saturday in Evanston hospital will be held at 3:30 p.m. today in the chapel at 1567 Maple

*av., Evanston. Mr. Hibben was vice president and treasurer of the Riverdale Products company, Northfield, an animal feed producer. He was a graduate of the University of Chicago. Mr. Hibben moved to Winnetka eight years ago from the south side of Chicago. He is survived by his widow, Virginia C.; two sons, Edward R. Jr. and George C.; five grandchildren, a brother and a sister.*⁵¹

Virginia lived on for thirty-two years in the house at 170 Birch Street in Winnetka, supported by close friends and relatives living nearby. She traveled frequently to Europe and Asia and to visit her sons until emphysema restricted her activities. She died October 6, 1993 at the age of eighty-seven. Her ashes are interred beside her parents in the Elburn Cemetery, Kane County, Illinois.

*Virginia C. Hibben, nee Chapman, was born on April 25, 1906, in Oak Park, Illinois. She was married to Edward Hibben and out of this union two children were born. After growing up in Oak Park, Virginia and her husband and family lived in South Shore and then moved to Winnetka in 1950 where she has lived since. During her active years Virginia attended the Presbyterian Church and the Kenilworth Union Church. She was also a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital. Virginia died on October 6, 1993 in Hinsdale, Illinois where she had been a resident for the last 20 months in the Williamsburg unit of the Americana-Monticello Healthcare Center. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward, in 1963. She is survived by her children: Edward and George (Julie); her grandchildren Scott, John, Virginia Bohac, Charles, and Ted, Eliza and Heidi Russell; her great-grandchildren Laura, Michael Bohac, Chad Bohac, and Henry Russell, and her sister-in-law Helen Turner.*⁵²

George Neemes Hibben was born September 19, 1909 and, as noted above, attended the same schools as his older siblings. He followed his father's career path, graduating from law school and rising to be the senior partner in the Chicago patent law firm – Hibben, Noyes and Bicknell. He married Helen Metcalf Mix September 10, 1932 in Chicago. They had two sons, Thomas Metcalf and Stephen Mix Hibben who grew up Wilmette and Winnetka, Illinois.

George died February 6, 1977 of prostate cancer.

*George N. Hibben, 67, a Chicago attorney for more than 40 years, died Friday in his home, 310 White Oak Lane, Winnetka. Mr. Hibben was a senior partner in the patent law firm of Hibben, Noyes and Bicknell, 332 S. Michigan Av., a member of numerous legal associations, and was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is survived by his widow, Helen; two sons, Thomas and Stephen; six grandchildren; and a sister. A memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Monday in Winnetka Congregational Church, 725 Pine St., in the suburb.*⁵³

Helen remarried June 21, 1980 to William S. Turner in Winnetka, Illinois. Her son, Thomas, predeceased her, passing on January 15, 1996.

Thomas Metcalf Hibben, 61, a sculptor and welder of copper fountains and whimsical animal studies, died Monday in the Bethany nursing home in Lacrosse, Wis. A former resident of Northbrook, he had lived for the last 20 years in DeSoto, Wis. His sculptures and fountains are in churches, malls and private

THE THOMAS HIBBEN LINE

*homes throughout the U.S. Mr. Hibben, an architect, was a graduate of New Trier High School in Winnetka and of Cornell University. Survivors include his wife, Patricia; two sons, Randolph and Todd; a daughter, Callie Venner, his mother, Helen Turner; six grandchildren; and a brother. Service will be held Friday in DeSoto.*⁵⁴

Helen was almost ninety-four when she died September 5, 2004. Bill Turner died January 3, 2005.

*Helen Hibben Turner, 93, a resident of Winnetka, died Sept. 5. Mrs. Turner was born on Nov. 3, 1910. Her father was Ira J. Mix, who owned a Chicago dairy by the same name, later bought out by Bowman Dairy. As a teenager, she won an advertising award for her slogan advertising her father's dairy: "Mix Milk With Your Meals." It appeared on billboards throughout Chicago. After graduating from University High School, she attended the University of Chicago for two years and worked for the Walgreen Pharmacy. In 1932, she married George Hibben. The Hibbens moved to Wilmette in 1941 where they resided for 15 years before moving to Winnetka. Survivors include her husband, William S. Turner; one son, Stephen (Jean Swindal); her grandchildren, Kenneth, Timothy, Nancy, Randy, Todd and Callie; seven great-grandchildren; and her longtime caregivers, Iona, Alex and Irene. She is predeceased by her first husband, George Hibben; and one son, Tom Metcalf (Patricia). Services will be held Thursday morning at Wm. H. Scott Funeral Home, 1100 Greenleaf, Wilmette.*⁵⁵

*William S. Turner, 97, longtime resident of Winnetka, formerly of Evanston. Beloved husband of the late Helen Hibben Turner and Virginia A. Turner; loving father of Blair (Margaret K.), David (Carol) and Annelyle Turner; proud grandfather of two; and great-grandfather of one. Memorial Service Friday, 2 p.m. at the Walker Chapel of the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston. Interment private.*⁵⁶

Postscript: Links To Family History

Samuel was accompanied to Hillsboro, Ohio in August of 1922 by his sons, Samuel, Edward and George. It is believed that the purpose of this trip was to renew family associations and to introduce his sons to Hibben family history. They stopped at Glen Heron and visited the Dale Cemetery. They photographed all the surviving Hibben family of Hillsboro⁵⁷ and S. E. Hibben & Son Dry Goods, "the oldest store west of the Alleghenies." This trip is of great genealogical significance as it provides a photographic record of the last Hibben inhabitants of Hillsboro and, more importantly, as it is believed that it was at that time when Joseph M. Hibben gave the Thomas Hibben and Mary Entriken bible to Samuel. (Appendix A)

After this trip Samuel prepared a hand-drawn family tree. It contained only thirty-nine names, many blank lines and several errors, demonstrating how little he knew of his own ancestors. When he died, the tree was one of the documents found among his important papers. Later, his daughter, Virginia came into possession of these papers, probably when her mother, Grace, sold the Ellis Avenue home in 1937. Virginia passed the papers on to her brother, George Neemes Hibben. In 1970 George sent copies of the tree to Samuel's descendants. His cover letter is as follows.

Dear Hibben Descendants and Relatives:

Enclosed is a copy of a family tree which I have worked out in brief based upon much investigation carried on by my father, Samuel E. Hibben, before he died. I used his records; I have made no further investigation. I have brought the tree down to date so as to include all the latest Hibben children.

I felt that if I did not make some attempt to reduce this information to understandable form for posterity, it might be lost. The dates and names, I believe, are substantially accurate but there are many omissions for lack of information. This is particularly the case as to Thomas Hibben's "Wife 1," from whom we are all descended. This was not determined in my father's work. I may give this a further try.

Best regards and Merry Christmas to all,

George N. Hibben⁵⁸

Graechen Becker Stewart and Virginia Becker redistributed copies of the family tree to Samuel's grandchildren at a reunion of cousins in April 1990. They had begun family research efforts several years before and were hopeful of interesting other cousins in family history. Their efforts were rewarded by the publication of this book.

Generation 5.2 End Notes:

¹ *Daily Calumet*, South Chicago, Cook Co., Illinois, November 18, 1939.

² *News-Examiner*, Connersville, Fayette County, Indiana, January 3, 1883.

³ US Census 1900, T623-285, enumeration 998, sheet 8, line 41, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

⁴ Ohio Marriages, 1800-1958, Indexing project M02275-3, system origin Ohio-EASy, source film 355073, page 426 rn 426. "Groom - Heron K. Hibben, born 1871 [1865] Rushville, IN [Chicago, Cook Co., IL], 33 [39], single, father - George [Hibben], mother - Ellen [Helen] Heron, married 31 Aug 1904 Hamilton Co., OH, Bride - Ruth H. Glidden, born 1876 Cincinnati, father John J. Glidden, mother - Ruth H. Glidden."

⁵ Letter, undated, written by Ruth Mason Ballard in possession of Nancy Glidden Mason Jones, niece of Ruth Mason Ballard.

⁶ World Family Tree CD volume 13, tree 2148, submitted by Linda Monroe.

⁷ *Cook County, Illinois Will Record Book*, volume H, pages 444-46.

⁸ *News-Examiner*, [Note 2], October 25, 1921.

⁹ Personal recollection of George C. Hibben.

¹⁰ Chicago City Directories 1890, 1895, 1905, 1910 and 1915.

¹¹ Allen W. Eckert, *A Sorrow in Our Heart, The Life of Tecumseh*, 1992, New York, (Bantam Books), Chapter 9. At Connersville between 1802 and 1805, a large Indian town had been built on the banks of the White River by the warriors of many tribes gathered there by Tecumseh. They were awaiting his call to rise and reclaim Indian lands overrun by the settlers.

¹² *News-Examiner*, [Note 2], obituary, November 18, 1939, page 6, column 4.

¹³ *Indiana Historical Bulletin*, unknown issue, (Indiana Historical Society), page 50.

¹⁴ *News-Examiner*, [Note 2], unknown date 1939.

¹⁵ *Daily Calumet*, [Note 1], November 18, 1939.

¹⁶ Final Report and Account of the Estate of George Hibben, February 8, 1940.

¹⁷ Newspaper, unknown, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, June 12, 1890.

¹⁸ Five year partnership agreement signed December 31, 1897 at Chicago, Cook County, Illinois by Lewis L. Coburn, Samuel E. Hibben and John H. McElroy. In possession of George C. Hibben as of 2008.

THE THOMAS HIBBEN LINE

- ¹⁹ Newspaper, unknown, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, obituary, unknown date.
- ²⁰ Edward Rector⁶ Hibben (*Samuel Entriken*⁵, *George*⁴, *Thomas*³, *Thomas*², *John*¹), born September 5, 1907.
- ²¹ Supreme Court of The United States, 247 U.S. 519: 38S. Ct. 582:1918 LEXIS 1888: 62L. Ed. 1246, June 10, 1918.
- ²² *Ibid.*, 265 U.S. 593: 44 S. Ct. 637: 1924 U. S. LEXIS 3104: 68 L. Ed. 1196, June 9, 1924.
- ²³ *Ibid.*, 274 U.S. 728: 47 S. Ct. 576: 1927 U.S. LEXIS 112: 71 L. Ed. 1316, April 18, 1927.
- ²⁴ Newspaper, unknown, [Note 17].
- ²⁵ Newspaper unknown, [Note 17].
- ²⁶ Scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, and many issues of *The Cherry Circle*, the monthly publication of the Chicago Athletic Association. Scrapbooks in the possession of George C. Hibben as of 2008.
- ²⁷ *South Shore Country Club Monthly*, Chicago, Illinois, unknown month, 1920.
- ²⁸ Joseph Matthew⁴ Hibben (*Samuel Entriken*³, *Thomas*², *John*¹), born 1847. Joseph was Samuel's first cousin, once removed.
- ²⁹ Author's conversations with his father, Edward Rector Hibben.
- ³⁰ Newspaper, unknown, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, September 26, 1927.
- ³¹ *The Chicago Tribune*, 1983.
- ³² 1930 US Census, T626-425, enumeration 271, page 1B, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.
- ³³ Social Security Death Index, #373-30-3256, "Becker, Donald M., b. 14 May 1932, d. 14 Apr 2004, last residence - Sylvania, Lucas County, Ohio, issued Michigan."
- ³⁴ *Ibid.*, #352-12-9984, "Becker, Paul, b. 31 Aug 1899, d. Mar 1974, last residence - Grosse Pointe, Wayne County, Michigan, issued Illinois."
- ³⁵ *Ibid.*, 380-46-0961, "Becker, Virginia H., b. 10 Mar 1902, d. 03 Oct 1989, last residence - Grosse Pointe, Wayne County, Michigan, issued Michigan."
- ³⁶ Cemetery Records, Oak Woods Cemetery, Cook County, Illinois, Section D, Division 5, Lot 361, Location 8 & 9.
- ³⁷ *South Shore Country Club Monthly*, [Note 27].
- ³⁸ *Mansfield News*, Mansfield, Ohio, November 30, 1925.
- ³⁹ *The Oakland Tribune*, Oakland, California, November 15, 1925; *Davenport Democrat & Leader*, Davenport, Iowa, November 15, 1925.
- ⁴⁰ *Southtown Economist*, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, June 3, 1927.
- ⁴¹ Social Security Death Index, #350-20-0594, Hibben, Samuel E., b. 15 Oct 1929, d. 13 Sept 2010, last address - Anaheim, Orange County, California, issued Illinois.
- ⁴² 1930 US Census, T626-425, enumeration 282, page 13B, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.
- ⁴³ Social Security Application, #349-10-3458, January 18, 1937.
- ⁴⁴ Social Security Death Index, #319-03-2834, "Hibben, Jeanne, b. 9 Jun 1908, d. Mar 1985, last residence - Michigan City, La Porte County, Indiana, issued - Illinois."
- ⁴⁵ *The Chicago Tribune*, July 16, 1953, obituary.
Chicago Tribune, February 5, 1977.
- ⁴⁶ *San Francisco Chronicle*, May 30, 1985.
- ⁴⁷ *Hyde Park Herald*, August 26, 1927.
- ⁴⁸ *The Chicago Tribune*, October 27, 1929.
- ⁴⁹ 1930 US Census, T626-424, enumeration 16-266, sheet 1B, line 71, 6901 Oglesby Avenue, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.
- ⁵⁰ *The Chicago Tribune*, August 25, 1945.
- ⁵¹ *Ibid.*, December 11, 1961.
- ⁵² Memorial Service program, Kenilworth Union Church, Kenilworth, Illinois, October 9, 1993.

⁵³ *The Chicago Tribune*, February 5, 1977.

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, January 18, 1996.

⁵⁵ *Winnetka Talk*, September 9, 2004.

⁵⁶ *The Chicago Tribune*, January 5, 2005.

⁵⁷ Joseph M. Matthew, born 1847, Harriet S. Martin Hibben, born 1856, Lavinia Hibben Dill, born 1843, and May Galloway Cummings, born 1873. See Chapter XI.

⁵⁸ Letter from George N. Hibben dated December 17, 1970 to Samuel E. Hibben III, Edward Rector Hibben, Jr., George Chapman Hibben, Thomas Metcalf Hibben, Stephen Mix Hibben, Virginia Hibben Becker, and Virginia Chapman Hibben. Written on letter head stationery of “Law Offices of Hibben, Noyes & Bicknell, 332 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60604.”