



## *Descendants of James Hibben and Ann Watson Allison*

### *Generation No. 3.5*

**JAMES<sup>3</sup> HIBBEN** (*Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*) was born March 23, 1795 in Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., PA, and died August 23, 1871 in Jamestown, Greene Co., OH. He married (1) **SUSAN ALLEN** in Fayette Co., PA, daughter of **GEORGE ALLEN** and **JANE PAULL**. She was born March 3, 1794 in PA, and died March 27, 1818 in Fayette Co., PA. He married (2) **ANN WATSON ALLISON** 1820 in PA, daughter of **JAMES ALLISON** and **ELIZABETH McCLELLAND**. She was born December 27, 1800 in OH, and died 1875.

Children of **JAMES HIBBEN** and **ANN ALLISON** are:

- i. **MARY JANE<sup>4</sup> HIBBEN**, b. October 04, 1821, PA; d. February 08, 1903. She m. **ALEXANDER SELKIRK BALLARD** January 31, 1844, Greene Co., OH; b. December 14, 1821, Adams Co., OH; d. September 08, 1864, Jamestown, Greene Co., OH.
- ii. **JAMES ALLEN HIBBEN**, b. June 15, 1823, PA; d. 1889, Blair, Washington Co., NE. He m. (1) **ANGELINE STRONG** January 01, 1847, Greene Co., OH; b. Abt. 1828, OH; d. Bef. 1870. He m. (2) **ANNA M. MOORE** 1870, b. July 31, 1842, Xenia, Greene Co., OH; d. February 05, 1900, Xenia, Greene Co., OH.
- iii. **WILLIAM WALLIS HIBBEN**, b. April 17, 1825, Uniontown, Fayette Co., PA; d. February 08, 1887, Emporia, Lyon Co., KS. He m. **EUPHEMIA ANN WATSON** February 09, 1854, Paintersville, Greene Co., OH; b. 1831 in Quakertown, Bucks Co., PA; d. December 11, 1909, Glendale, CA.
- iv. **ANN ELIZABETH HIBBEN**, b. July 24, 1827, PA; d. April 20, 1846, Jamestown, Silver Creek Twp., Greene Co., OH.
- v. **JOHN HENRY HIBBEN**, b. 1830, Uniontown, Fayette Co., PA; d. July 3, 1904, Lucerne, Switzerland. He m. (1) **MARY ELIZABETH CONKLING** August 21, 1855, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH; b. May 15, 1834, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH; d. September 27 1864, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH. He m. (2) **LOUISE NICHOLS** November 1, 1865, Washington City, DC; b. January 20, 1845, Washington City, DC; d. March 10, 1904, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH.
- vi. **THOMAS SAMUEL HIBBEN**, b. August 22, 1832, OH; d. May 28, 1836, Jamestown, Silver Creek Twp., Greene Co., OH.

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**JAMES HIBBEN 1795 - 1871**  
**and**  
**ANN WATSON ALLISON 1800 - 1875**

*Even such is time, that takes in trust  
Our youth, our joys, our all we have,  
And pays us but with age and dust;  
Who in the dark and silent grave,  
When we have wandered all our ways,  
Shuts up the story of our days. . .<sup>1</sup>*

Sir Walter Raleigh

James Hibben was born March 23, 1795 in Shippensburg, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.<sup>2</sup> He was the seventh son of Thomas Hibben and Mary Entriiken. When he was three years old his family moved to Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania where he grew up. When he was eighteen he served briefly as a Sergeant in Captain Peter Hertzog's Company of Pennsylvania Volunteers in the War of 1812.<sup>3</sup> Sometime about 1815 or 1816 he married Susan Allen of Union Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. In a letter to his brother Thomas he refers to living with his mother-in-law (George Allen, his father-in-law, had died in February 1815) and having not yet gone into housekeeping - living alone with his wife. He also ends the letter by saying that Susan "sends her particular respects."

*To Thomas Hibben Esq., Portsmouth, Scioto County, OH*

*Uniontown, 11th August 1816*

*Dear Brother:*

*I acknowledge the neglect which I have paid you but I think you will excuse me when you hear the reason. I have been more engaged since I came home than ever I was before in my life and I expect to have herd from you before now. But I will try to make the time in writing you more constantly. I arrived home the Sunday after I left you about twelve at night and I caught them all napping. I found them all well and enjoying that peaceful pleasure which they have always enjoyed at mother in laws. I have nothing very important to write you but I will give you a short account of the times here. Couzine Nancy Dawson was married a few days since to a Mr. Nesmith, a combmaker and they have commenced housekeeping. Mrs. Nancy Jones was married on the 2nd July to a Mr. Daniel (or Davis) Cannon. One of the Great Guns. Brother William and family are all well. His wife [ Elizabeth Springer ] had a young son [George E. ] a short time [May 30, 1816 ] since. He is as proud of it as a peacock of its feathers. It is a fine child but not very handsome. I have not settled myself tonite yet I have not got to housekeeping but will in a short time. I have a great notion of going down the river yet I shall rest myself here for a short time till I determine whether I will move down the River or not. It is getting now dark and my hand is very sore and stiff and I shall now conclude with my best respects to all my old friends, and my sincere respects to Wm Kendall and family and P. Moore and all my friends forgetting none.*

## THE JAMES HIBBEN LINE

*No more, Ever remaining your loving brother,  
J. Hibben, Jr.*

*Excuse my very bad writing as I am very unfit for writing. Susan sends her particular respects to you. I shall write to you again shortly.*<sup>4</sup>

Discovery of a photo of Susanna Hibben's tombstone taken in the Laurel Hill Presbyterian Cemetery of Dunbar Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania reveals that she was the consort of James Hibben when she died on March 27, 1818 at the age of 24 years and 24 days.<sup>5</sup>

### James Marries A Neighbor's Daughter In German Township

James appears on Fayette County property rolls in 1819 when he was taxed as an assessor in German Township for \$100 and an additional \$50 for his horse.<sup>6</sup> In 1820 he married Ann Watson Allison<sup>7</sup> whose family was well acquainted with the Hibben family. James' father had purchased two hundred fifty-seven acres of land for \$3,542 from the Allison family in 1815. Several portions of that lot were later conveyed to James and Ann.

*Whereas the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by patent dated the twenty fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight did grant unto John Allison a certain tract of land called "Spindle & Whirl" situate on the waters of Browns Run in German Township Fayette County, And by Indenture bearing date the twenty first day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred fifteen the said John did grant bargain and sell the aforesaid tract of land with all the Improvements thereon to Thomas Hibben, And by Indenture bearing the date of fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty seven the said Thomas Hibben & Mary his wife conveyed a part of the aforesaid tract unto James Hibben.*<sup>8</sup>

By 1822 James had acquired fifty acres of land and was assessed \$842 as a farmer with a horse and cow. Five children were born on the farm in German Township. Mary Jane was born October 4, 1821; James Allen, June 15, 1823; William Wallis, April 17, 1825; Ann Elizabeth, July 24, 1827; and John Henry Hibben, about 1830. Thomas Samuel Hibben was born August 22, 1832, probably in Ohio.<sup>9</sup> These births, as well as marriages and deaths, are recorded in the James Hibben Family bible (Appendix A).

Shortly before James departed Pennsylvania, he was appointed Justice of the peace for German Township.

*Pennsylvania, SS.*

*In the name, and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I,  
Andrew Shulze*

***Governor*** of the Commonwealth, to James Hibben of the County of Fayette  
***Sends Greetings***

*Know you, that reposing especial trust and confidence in your integrity, judgment and abilities, I the said Andrew Shulze, have appointed and by these presents, appoint and commission you the said James Hibben to be a*

*Justice of the Peace*, in the district numbered four, composed of the Township of German in the County Fayette **Hereby** giving and granting unto you, full right and title, to have and to execute all and singular the powers, jurisdictions and authorities, and to receive and enjoy all and singular, the lawful emoluments of a Justice of the peace, aforesaid, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of commonwealth **To have and to hold**, this commission and the office hereby granted unto you the said Thomas Hibben as long as you shall behave yourself well, **Given** under my **hand** and the **seal** of the State, at Harrisburg, this twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight --And of the Commonwealth, the fifty second By the Governor \_\_\_\_\_, Secy. Recorded the \_\_\_\_\_ day of April 1828<sup>10</sup>

### James And Family Move To Jamestown, Ohio

Court documents indicate that James and Ann sold some of their farm property in German Township in 1829 and the balance in 1832.<sup>11</sup> James was removed from the tax rolls in 1831. The first evidence of James' presence in Jamestown, Greene County, Ohio is an 1834 document signed by a list of Greene County, Ohio residents opposed to the removal of the deposits and in favor of the renewal of the Bank of the U. S.<sup>12</sup> The next evidence is of his sale of property there in 1835 to his brother-in-law, Jacob Syfers.<sup>13</sup> (An indenture documenting the purchase of this property prior to 1835 has not been found.) However, copied records show that on May 7, 1836 he purchased the west part of lot #46 in Jamestown where, it is assumed, he lived with his family.<sup>14</sup> In 1839 he plated an addition to the town.<sup>15</sup> *Robinson's History of Greene County, Ohio* states that James arrived in 1840 which the U. S. Senate and land records prove to be incorrect.<sup>16</sup> The Census of 1850, 1860 and 1870 record that James' occupation was that of druggist or medicine pedlar.<sup>17</sup> His death notice referred to him as Dr. James Hibben.

James generously supported his two oldest children by selling them property at bargain prices. On December 4, 1846 he purchased in lots #37 and #38 and adjacent out lot #6, about two and one-half acres, for \$600.00. The same day he sold the east half of in lots #37 and #38 to his twenty-three year old son, James Allen Hibben for only \$50.00.<sup>18</sup> On January 1, 1847 he sold in lot #1 and part of out lot #6 to Alexander Selkirk Ballard, husband of Mary Jane Hibben Ballard, for only \$25.00.<sup>19</sup>

James was the secretary of the JAMESTOWN CONVENTION in 1850 which founded the Free Soil Society of Jamestown. Its platform was "*the abolition of slavery and the slave-trade in the District of Columbia, and all other places where Congress had the power. A positive prohibition of slavery in all new territory now in possession, or which may be hereafter acquired. Decided opposition to the admission of any more slave States into this Union, under whatever pretext.*" At the time, the Omnibus bill which compromised human freedom and the principles of the Ordinance of 1787 was being debated in the U. S. Congress. James and his neighbors had decided "*the time has fully come when the friends of free government, without distinction of party, should assemble together and give a free and full expression of their sovereign will, with regard to the extension of slavery, and its protection by the National Government.*"<sup>20</sup>

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Little is known about the later years of James' and Ann's lives except that after James Allen Hibben's siblings had moved from Jamestown, he cared for his parents. James Hibben died August 23, 1871 at Jamestown, aged seventy-five years and five months.<sup>21</sup> Ann Allison Hibben died in 1875 at the age of seventy-four.<sup>22</sup>

### Additional Information About The Children of James and Ann

Thomas Samuel Hibben died May 28, 1836 and was buried in the Old Cemetery at Jamestown.<sup>23</sup>

Ann Elizabeth Hibben died April 20, 1846 and was buried near Thomas in the Old Cemetery.<sup>24</sup>

Mary Jane Hibben, James Allen Hibben, William Wallis Hibben and John Henry Hibben are the subject of Chapter VII, Generations 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4, respectively.

### Generation 3.5 End Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Emily Morison Beck, Editor, *Familiar Quotations, John Bartlett*, Fifteenth Edition, 1980, Boston Massachusetts, (Little Brown and Company), page 173:5.

<sup>2</sup> Thomas Hibben Family Bible Record, "Ja. Hibben son of Thomas and Mary Hibben was born March 23 1795—at ten at night;" Bible Records, Fayette County, Ohio, James Hibben Family Bible, page 80.

<sup>3</sup> Military Records, War of 1812, National Archives and Records Administration, November 8 to 22, 1814.

<sup>4</sup> Letter found in the Hibben vertical folder at the Clinton County Ohio Historical Society in Wilmington, Ohio. It was copied from 'the original in the hands of descendants of James b. 1795 and Ann Hibben b. 1800.'

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.usgennet.org/usa/pa/county/fayette/>

<sup>6</sup> *Property Rolls Fayette County Court House, Pennsylvania, 1815-31*. Note: Occupations as well as property and livestock were assessed and taxed.

<sup>7</sup> Dorothy Boake Panzer (Young), *The Beech Tree; A History and Genealogy of the Boake Family of England, Ireland, America and Canada from 1333 - 1970*, 1970, Decorah, Iowa, (Anundsen Publishing), page 226.

<sup>8</sup> *Fayette County, Pennsylvania Court House Records of Deeds and Mortgages*, volume K, pages 463-64.

<sup>9</sup> *Bible Records, Fayette County, Ohio*, (Fayette County, Ohio Genealogical Society) James Hibben Family Bible, page 80; *The Ohio Genealogical Quarterly*, "Bible Records," Mansfield, Ohio, (The Ohio Genealogical Society), volume IV, Number 1, January 1940, page 294.

<sup>10</sup> *Fayette County, Pennsylvania Court House Records of Deeds and Mortgages*, volume P, page 159.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, volume Q, page 243; volume R. pages 507-08.

<sup>12</sup> *Public Documents printed by the order of the Senate of the United States*, volume V, document 393, December 1, 1834. Note: Other signers were relatives John Hivling, Asa Syfers, Wm. Hibben, Samuel Aldridge, and William, Benjamin and Samuel Sheley.

<sup>13</sup> *Greene County, Ohio Court House Records of Deeds and Mortgages*, volume 18, page 571; Jacob Syfers was the husband of Elizabeth Allison. Elizabeth was the sister of Ann Watson Allison

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*, volume 17, page 248.

<sup>15</sup> *Jamestown Area Sesquicentennial*, 1966, (Jamestown Historical Society), page 15, "1839—Addition to Jamestown, James Hibben plated 8 lots."

<sup>16</sup> George F. Robinson, *Robinson's History of Greene County, Ohio*, 1902, Chicago, Illinois, (S. J. Clark Publishing Company), page 321, "year of arrival, 1840."

<sup>17</sup> US Census 1850, M432-683, page 394, Silver Creek Township, Greene County, Ohio; US Census 1860, M563-968, page 155, Jamestown, Silver Creek Township, Greene County, Ohio; US Census 1870, M593-1205, page 188, Jamestown, Silver Creek Township, Greene County, Ohio.

<sup>18</sup> *Greene County, Ohio Court House Records of Deeds and Mortgages*, volume 24, pages 409 and 411.

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, volume 24, page 449.

## Chapter VII, Generation 3.5

- <sup>20</sup> *Xenia Torch-Light*, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, July 11, 1950, page 3, column 1, JAMESTOWN CONVENTION.
- <sup>21</sup> *Bible Records, Fayette County, Ohio*, [Note 7]; *Xenia Torch-Light*, [Note 18], Wednesday, August 30, 1871, page 3. “Dr. James Hibben, one of the oldest residents of the county, died at his residence in Jamestown on Wednesday of last week.”
- <sup>22</sup> National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, application #95160.
- <sup>23</sup> Tombstone inscription, “Thomas S. Hibben son of James and Ann Hibben died May 28 1836 aged 3 yrs 9 mo & 6 days.”
- <sup>24</sup> *Bible Records, Fayette County, Ohio*, [Note 7].