

Ralph Randolph Hibben and Harriet Kiser

Generation No. 5.3

RALPH RANDOLPH⁵ HIBBEN (*William Wallis⁴, James³, Thomas², John¹*) was born October 28, 1872 in Emporia, Lyon Co., KS. He married **HARRIET KISER** March 04, 1912 in Parsons, Labette Co., KS, daughter of **J. Q. KISER** and **REBECCA** (unknown). She was born Abt. 1872 in KS.

**RALPH RANDOLPH HIBBEN 1872 -
and
HARRIET KISER Abt. 1872 -**

Ralph Devotes His Services To The M, K & T Railway Company In Kansas

Ralph Randolph Hibben was the seventh child of William Wallis Hibben and Euphemia Ann Watson. He was born on October 28, 1872 in Emporia, Lyon County, Kansas. A biography in *A Standard History of Kansas and Kansans*, documents his life to 1918.

Ralph Randolph Hibben was born at Emporia, Kansas, October 28, 1872, and lived in that city during his youth.¹ He attended the public schools, and nearly completed his senior year in the high school. On leaving high school in 1890, he began working for the Wells Fargo & Company Express, and was there employed until April, 1892. On June 1, 1892, Mr. Hibben entered the service of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company in the Fuel Department. His first position was that of fuel foreman, and he has been steadily at work in that department ever since, and is now assistant fuel agent for this great corporation with offices in the general headquarters at Parsons.

Parsons is the home and headquarters of a number of men who have given many years of faithful service to the Missouri, Kansas, & Texas Railway Company. One of these is Ralph Randolph Hibben, Assistant Fuel Agent for this road, and for almost a quarter of a century has been continuously identified with the Coal Department of this company. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the International Railway Fuel Association of America.

He is of English, Irish stock originally, his ancestors on his mother's side coming to America with William Penn, and settled in Pennsylvania. His ancestors on his father's side were from Ireland and they also settled in Pennsylvania, prior to the Revolutionary War. Mr. Hibben is a native of Kansas and son of a distinguished pioneer physician, Dr. W. W. Hibben.

Mr. Hibben is independent in politics and a member of the Christian Science Church. He belongs to the Parsons Commercial Club, and fraternally is affiliated with Parsons Lodge No. 117, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Parsons Chapter No. 39, Royal Arch Masons and Coeur De Leon Commandery No. 17, Knights Templar at Parsons. Mr. Hibben owns an attractive residence at No. 1404 Broadway. On March 4, 1912, at Parsons, he married Miss Harriet Kiser, daughter of J. Q. Kiser, now deceased, who was a farmer and stock raiser near Emporia.²

As Ralph and Harriet married when both were about forty years old, it is not surprising that the Census of 1920 did not record any children. No record of either Ralph or Harriet's death has been found.

THE JAMES HIBBEN LINE

Generation 5.3 End Notes:

- ¹ US Census 1880, T9-387, page 309, family 179, Emporia Township, Ward 2, Lyon County, Kansas; US Census 1900, T623-485, enumeration 123, sheet 4, line 123, 1618 Forest Avenue, Parsons, Labette County, Kansas.
- ² William E. Connelley, *A Standard History of Kansas and Kansans*, 1918, Chicago, Illinois, (Lewis Publishing Company), volume 1, page 2158; US Census 1910, T624-443, enumeration 146, family 179, Parsons, Labette County, Kansas; US Census 1920, T625-536, enumeration 152, sheet 9, line 81, 1601 Corning Ave., Parsons, Labette County, Kansas.