

Descendants of Elizabeth Ann Ballard and George Ayers Robinson

Generation No. 6.1

ELIZABETH ANN⁶ BALLARD (*Charles Foresman⁵, Mary Jane⁴ Hibben, James³, Thomas², John¹*) was born June 10, 1888 in Washington Court House, Fayette Co., OH, and died January 27, 1948 in Washington Court House, Fayette Co., OH. She married **GEORGE AYERS ROBINSON** January 16, 1916 in Washington Court House, Fayette Co., OH, son of **GEORGE ROBINSON** and **LAVINIA BRAMBLE**. He was born September 02, 1878 in Washington Court House, Fayette Co., OH, and died 1961 in OH.

Children of **ELIZABETH BALLARD** and **GEORGE ROBINSON** are:

- i. **GEORGE AYERS⁷ ROBINSON, Jr.**, b. August 23, 1916, Richmendale, Fayette Co., OH; d. May 17, 2004, Longwood, Seminole Co., FL He m. **ELLEN IRENE ADKINS** February 15, 1941, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH; b. January 05, 1919, Pickaway Co., OH; d. November 20, 1972, Washington Court House, Fayette Co., OH.
- ii. **WALTER ALLEN ROBINSON**, b. June 09, 1918, Washington Court House, Fayette Co., OH; d. February 23, 2004, Farmville, Prince Edward Co., VA He married **ANN ELIZABETH ROBINSON** June 12, 1948; b. September 01, 1923, Montgomery, Fayette Co., WVA; d. Abt. 1988.
- iii. **ANN ELIZABETH ROBINSON**, b. May 28, 1924, Washington Court House, Fayette Co., OH.

ELIZABETH ANN BALLARD 1888 - 1948
and
GEORGE AYERS ROBINSON 1878 -1961

George Robinson's Father Was A Merchant And Mayor Of Washington Court House

After his service during the Civil War, George Fitzwater Robinson (1845-1914) attended Miami University and graduated in 1868.

*GEO. F. ROBINSON, Merchant, Washington C. H., O. B.S. Private Co. M, 2nd Regiment Ohio Cavalry 1862-1865. Receiver for "Ohio State Register" and conducted the paper for one year. Member firm Coffman and Robinson, Lumber Dealers, 10 years. Now engaged as a coal merchant. Mayor of Washington C. H., O. 1906-1910.*¹

He married Lavinia Joy Bramble (1845-1893) in 1872 and had twin sons, George Ayers Robinson and Walter Alfred Robinson, born on September 2, 1878 at Washington Court House, Ohio.²

George Ayers Robinson grew up in the town of his birth and worked with his father in the family coal business.³ On January 15, 1916, at the age of thirty-eight, he married Elizabeth Ann Ballard,⁴ the second child of Charles Foresman Ballard and Netta Belle Hegler.⁵ *"My mother was born in Washington C. H. June 10, 1888 and was named Elizabeth Ann Ballard. She was almost always called Bess."*⁶ Bess was ten years younger than George, and at the time of their marriage was working as the bookkeeper of her father's hardware business.⁷ (Plate 13) George and Bess had three children; George Ayers Robinson, Jr. born on August 23, 1916; Walter Allen Robinson, June 9, 1918; and Ann Elizabeth Robinson, May 28, 1924.⁸ (Plate 13)

Elizabeth Ann 'Bess' Gathered Family History

It appears that Bess was the first Hibben family genealogist. On March 18, 1919 she applied for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. In her application she correctly documented the Revolutionary War service of Thomas Hibben, born 1760, listed all of his children, and proved her ancestors back to Thomas' son, James. She signed the application Elizabeth A. B. Robinson. It was approved on September 3, 1919.⁹ Bess also transcribed family bibles and letters providing valuable vital statistics and anecdotal information. She was very active in the Fayette County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. Her son, George Ayers Robinson, Jr., shared her interest in genealogy and continued to record family history during his lifetime. George is a Trustee Emeritus of the Fayette County Chapter.

Bess died January 27, 1948 at Washington Court House, Ohio and was buried in the family lot in the Washington Cemetery.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann (Bess) Robinson, 59, wife of George A. Robinson, and well known resident of this city, died Tuesday at 4 P.M. at the home of her son George Robinson, Jr., 206 West Market Street, following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Robinson graduated from the Washington C. H. High School in 1906 and afterwards attended Science Hill College, Shelbyville, Ky. She was state chairman of the credential committee of the Daughters of the American Revolution and first vice

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regent of the Washington C. H. chapter of the DAR, and for many years she was active in the state organization.¹⁰

George A. Robinson died in 1961 and was buried along side Bess.¹¹

Additional Information About The Children of Bess and George

Upon the death of his mother, George Ayers Robinson, Jr. inherited her family history files and continued research and correspondence. He was employed by the Postal Service for many years. In about 1993 he suffered a stroke and was moved from the Washington Court House family home to live with his daughter in Florida. Before the house was sold, the Robinson genealogical documents were divided into two lots and sold at auction. To this day, the purchasers and disposition of the documents, including the Alexander and Mary Jane Ballard bible, is unknown. In correspondence with the author, George lamented the loss of this wealth of documentation. However, in dozens of letters, written from memory, he rewrote, as best he could, the history of the Ballard, Hegler, Dobbins, Bramble, Adkins and Stites families, as well as that of the Hibbens. The author has retained these letters.

George married Ellen Irene Adkins February 15, 1941 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio. Ellen was born January 5, 1919 in Pickaway County, Ohio and died November 20, 1972 in Washington Court House.¹² George and Ellen had a daughter, Rebecca Jane Robinson.¹³ George died on May 17, 2004 in Longwood, Florida.

Walter Allen Robinson married Ann Elizabeth Robinson (no relation) June 12, 1948. Ann was born September 1, 1923 in Montgomery, Fayette County, West Virginia. Walter and Ann had a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Robinson. Ann Elizabeth Robinson died about 1988.¹⁴ Walter Allen Robinson died February 23, 2004 at Farmville, Prince Edward County, Virginia.

No additional information is available about George and Walter's sister, Ann Elizabeth Robinson.

Generation 6.1 End Notes:

- ¹ *Miami University Alumni Catalog, Centennial Edition, 1809-1909*, page 121; During the same time period, Charles E. Lawhead was the mayor of nearby Van Wert, Ohio. Charles was a second cousin, once removed of Bess Ballard Robinson.
- ² Recollections of George Ayers⁷ Robinson, Jr. (*Elizabeth Ann⁶ Ballard, Charles Foresman⁵, Mary Jane⁴ Hibben, James³, Thomas², John¹*)
- ³ US Census 1920, T625-1379, enumeration 150, sheet 10, line 43, 401 Circle Avenue, Washington Court House, Fayette County, Ohio.
- ⁴ Letter from George A. Robinson, Jr., September 11, 1998 to George C. Hibben.
- ⁵ *Bible Records, Fayette County, Ohio*, (Fayette County, Ohio Genealogical Society), Alexander Selkirk and Mary Jane Ballard Family bible, page 78, "Elizabeth (Ann) Ballard daughter of Charles and Netta Ballard born June 10, 1888."
- ⁶ Letter, [Note 4].
- ⁷ US Census 1910, T624-1179, enumeration 73, sheet 8, line 92, Washington Court House, Fayette County, Ohio.
- ⁸ *Bible Records, Fayette County, Ohio*, [Note 5].
- ⁹ Daughters of the American Revolution membership #95160.
- ¹⁰ *Record Herald*, Washington Court House, Fayette County, Ohio, obituary, January 28, 1948.
- ¹¹ Recollections of George Ayers Robinson, Jr., [Note 2].
- ¹² Social Security Death Index, #300-07-4152.

¹³ Recollections of George Ayers Robinson, Jr., [Note 2].

¹⁴ Ibid.