

Descendants of Jane Hibben and Thomas Sesler

Generation No. 3.10

JANE³ HIBBEN (*Thomas², John¹*) was born February 28, 1807 in Union Township, Fayette County, PA, and died May 01, 1852 in Jamestown, Silver Creek Twp., Greene Co., OH. She married **THOMAS SESLER** September 28, 1826, son of **MARTIN SESLER**. He was born 1804 in PA, and died September 24, 1879 in Silver Creek Twp., Greene Co., OH.

Children of **JANE HIBBEN** and **THOMAS SESLER** are:

- i. **MARY ELIZABETH⁴ SESLER**, b. September 05, 1827. She m. (unknown) **BREACH**.
- ii. **THOMAS MARTIN SESLER**, b. Abt. 1829, Clinton Co., OH; d. December 08, 1876, Herring, Bath Twp., Allen Co., OH. He m. **ELIZABETH MAHALA ALDRIDGE** February 08, 1855, Greene Co. OH; b. January 10, 1833, Bloomington, Clinton Co., OH; d. January 20, 1913, Bridgeport, Morrill Co., NE.
- iii. **MARTHA SESLER**, b. Abt. 1834, OH; d. Bef. 1879.
- iv. **WILLIAM H. SESLER**, b. May, 1834, OH; d. June 12, 1905, National Military Home, Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH. He m. (1) **ELMIRA THOMAS**; b. Abt. 1836, Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH; d. October 27, 1884, Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH. He m. (2) **ANNA CLINE** November 04, 1897, Miamisburg, Montgomery Co., OH; b. June 1860, Waverly, Pike Co., OH; d. August 22, 1934, Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH.
- v. **SARAH ANN SESLER**, b. Abt. 1838, OH; d. Aft. 1883. She m. **PETER MANGES** d. Aft 1883.
- vi. **SAMUEL SESLER**, b. Abt. 1846, OH; d. Bef. 1879.

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JANE HIBBEN 1807 - 1852
and
THOMAS SESLER Abt. 1804 - 1879

*Our Thomas was married to a Jane, but we never had a last name.*¹

Lorraine Olsen

Jane Was The Thirteenth And Last Child Of Thomas And Mary Hibben

Twenty-one years after the birth of her first son, John, in 1785, Mary Enriken Hibben gave birth to her thirteenth and last child, Jane Hibben. Jane was born on February 28, 1807.² At that time the Thomas Hibben family was living on a farm in German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. It is believed that Jane, unlike her brothers, was content with life on a farm. She grew up on a farm and married the son of Martin Sesler³ (1768-1852). The Sesler family was enumerated in the 1820 Census on the line above that of the Hibben family.⁴ On September 28, 1826, at the age of nineteen, Jane married twenty-two year old Thomas Sesler.⁵ Thomas' grandfather, Thomas Sesler,⁶ had come from Frederick County, Maryland after being granted a warrant on June 15, 1773, for three hundred acres of land, straddling Braddock Road, in Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

Jane Marries Thomas Sesler And They Settle In Greene County, Ohio

Thomas and Mary Hibben's bible records: "*Mary Elizabeth Sesler Daughter of Thomas and Jane Sesler was born on the 5 day of September 1827.*"⁷ That same year, the aging Thomas and Mary moved to Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio to be near several of their older children.⁸ Thomas and Jane Sesler probably moved with them as it is recorded that their second child, Thomas Martin Sesler, was born about 1829 in Clinton County.⁹ Four more children were born: Martha Sesler, about 1834; William H. Sesler, about 1837; Sarah A. Sesler, about 1838; and Samuel Sesler, about 1846.¹⁰

Sometime after 1830, Thomas and Jane Sesler moved to Silver Creek Township, Greene County, Ohio, approximately twenty miles north of Wilmington, Ohio, where they were recorded as farming in the US Census of 1850.¹¹ There, they lived near the families of James and Ann (Allison) Hibben,¹² Jane's older brother, and William¹³ and Margaret (Sheley) Hibben, who are believed to be her aunt and uncle. Their settlement on land in Silver Creek Township certainly was made in order to seek a better life. There they found cheap fertile soil and an abundance of forest game and, once the land was cleared, a farming life similar to that they had known in Pennsylvania. They probably experienced years of homemaking lacking amenities and filled with drudgery, and raised their children some distance from any village. Resettlement meant hard work for many years and they probably never realized a relaxed, secure life.

Jane Dies At The Age Of Forty-five

When her youngest child was only six years old, Jane died on May 1, 1852 and was buried in the Old Cemetery, Jamestown, Ohio.¹⁴ Thomas Sesler continued to farm. In 1860 he

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was living in a different township with another family, and none of his children were recorded in that household.¹⁵ Thomas died in Silver Creek Township on September 24, 1879.¹⁶ His place of burial is not known.

No record of his children, Mary Elizabeth or Samuel Sesler, have been found. Daughter Sarah A. Sesler married Peter Manges. *"I have an artist's sketch of her on the back of which my mother had written that her husband and children had been scalped by Indians in Missouri."*¹⁷ Sons Thomas Martin Sesler and William H. Sesler are the subject of Generation 4.1 and 4.2 of this chapter.

Generation 3.10 End Notes:

¹ Letter, May 25, 1999, response from Lorraine Olsen. In 1999 the author found a ten year old inquiry from Lorraine in the Seslar family file folder at the genealogy department of the Greene County Library, Xenia, Ohio. This was the key link to Jane and Thomas Sesler's descendants; Lorraine Adaire⁷ Janes (Olsen) (*Ruth Electa Elizabeth⁶ Seslar, George Alexander⁵, Thomas Martin⁴ Sesler, Jane³ Hibben, Thomas², John¹*).

² Thomas Hibben Family Bible, "Jane Hibben Daughter of Thomas & Mary Hibben was born the last day of February in the year of Our Lord 1807."

³ Many spellings of Sesler have been noted, among them, Sessler, Cesler, Seslar and Sessler. Before the Civil War the most common usage was Sesler. After the War, and currently, it is Seslar.

⁴ US Census 1820, M33-103, page 183, German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

⁵ Thomas Hibben Family Bible, "Married on the 28th day of September 1826."

⁶ World Family Tree, volume 8, tree 2557, submitted by Marlin E. Sesler.

⁷ Thomas Hibben Family Bible.

⁸ William Hibben, Rebeckah (Hibben) Stanton, Thomas Hibben, Phebe (Hibben) Lawhead, Elizabeth (Hibben) Kelley and Mary (Hibben) Burr.

⁹ Sesler Family ancestor chart prepared by Lorraine Olsen, [Note 1].

¹⁰ US Census 1850, M432-683, sheet 405, household 774, Silver Creek Township, Greene County, Ohio.

¹¹ Ibid., "Thomas Cesler [Seslar], 46, farmer, born Pennsylvania; Jane Cesler [Seslar], 44, born Pennsylvania."

¹² See Chapter VII, Generation 3.5.

¹³ William² Hibben (*John¹*) born 1767; Appendix D.

¹⁴ Tombstone inscription, "Jane, wife of Tho. Sesler died May 1, 1852, aged 45 ys 2ms 3 ds."

¹⁵ US Census 1860, M653-968, Jamestown Township, Greene County, Ohio.

¹⁶ Death Index, Greene County, Ohio, volume 1, page 120, number 223.

¹⁷ Anecdotal information from Kathleen Laverne⁷ Mount (*Bertha Elizabeth⁶ Seslar, John Baldwin⁵, Thomas Martin⁴ Sesler, Jane³ Hibben, Thomas², John¹*).