

Revised 10/07

**JAMES HIBBEN 1776 - 1851**  
**and**  
**ISABELLA ENTRIKEN 1777 - 1834**

James Hibben was a younger brother of Thomas Hibben, born 1760. Isabella Entriken was a younger sister of Mary Entriken, born 1762. James was born in 1776 and Isabella in 1777, both in Chester County, Pennsylvania. James and Isabella were married January 19, 1797 in Goshen Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.<sup>1</sup> Brothers married sisters.

*Be it remembered that on the 19th day of January A.D. 1797 - James Hibben and Isabella Enterkin both of the township of Goshen in the County of Chester and State of Pennsylvania met together at the house of Samuel Enterkin in the township of Goshen aforesaid and then and there according to the form of an Act of Assembly of \_\_ State in such case made and provided were in due and legal form Married before Justice Graves for County and the following witnesses ---*

*James Hibben seal*  
*Isabella Hibben seal*

<i>Samuel Enterkin</i>	<i>Martha McClelan</i>
<i>Mary Enterkin</i>	<i>Joseph Hemphill</i>
<i>George Enterkin</i>	<i>Sally Sharpless</i>
<i>Ester Enterkin</i>	<i>John Shippen</i>
<i>Rebecca Johnson</i>	<i>Rebeckah Rankin</i>
<i>Samuel Enterkin</i>	<i>Lydia Sharpless</i>
<i>William Henry</i>	<i>Richard Hannur</i>
<i>Elizabeth Henry</i>	<i>Elizabeth Johnson</i>

James and Isabella moved to Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania where they purchased lot No. 23 in ‘Jacobs Addition’ on November 14, 1805.<sup>2</sup> James’ brother Thomas was living on lot No. 21 in ‘Jacob’s Addition.’ In 1808, James purchased land in an area called ‘Mount Veron’ and sold it in 1813<sup>3</sup> when he moved to nearby West Newton, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. The deeds and a mortgage record that he was a wagon maker. James and Isabella had five documented children: Samuel born January 29, 1799; Mary born October 11, 1801; unknown son, born about 1803; Thomas born 1810; and Hannah, date of birth unknown.

The Westmoreland Republican and Farmers Chronicle of January 31, 1834 reported Isabella’s death. *“Hibben, Isabella, consort of James died at her residence in Robbstown on Sat. 18th inst.”*<sup>4</sup> James died in June 1851.

Extensive documentation exists about the descendants of James and Isabella. Four lines of descent lead to living individuals. Son Samuel’s descendants remained in Pennsylvania for many generations, being employed in mining and steel making. Daughter Mary married Aaron Springer and moved to Norway, Benton County, Iowa. The unidentified son, born about 1803 had a son, George W. Hibben, born 1831, who settled in Norway, Iowa, also. Many of his descendants currently live in Iowa and several provided vital statistics and anecdotal information. Son Thomas’ son, Thaddeus T. Hibben, resided in Connellsville and McKeysport. His grandson, Nathan T. Hibben was employed as a superintendent for the Prudential Insurance Company in Connellsville. After his retirement Nathan moved to Fowler, California to reside near his son. Thomas Hibben’s descendants continue to live in the Fowler area.

Perhaps with additional research and study, a supplement to this book may be written about the lives of James and Isabella’s descendants.

**James Hibben End Notes:**

- <sup>1</sup> Marriage License.
- <sup>2</sup> *Fayette County, Pennsylvania Court House Record of Deeds and Mortgages*, volume G, pages 125-26.
- <sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, volume H, pages 90-91 and volume K, page 124.
- <sup>4</sup> Mary Jane Means, compiler, *Newspaper Accounts of Births, Deaths, Marriages, 1808-1929*, 1994, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, (Westmoreland County Historical Society), page 104.