

HALE TWINS OF 70.

Thomas and George Hibbard Good for Many Years Yet.

One Lives in Brooklyn and the Other Up in Rondout.

Second Cousin Jacob Sloat Fassett Didn't Attend Their Seventieth Anniversary.

Thomas Hibbard and George Burnham Hibbard have been celebrating their joint birthday.

An Evening World reporter, calling upon Thomas Fassett Hibbard at his home, 340 Putnam street, Brooklyn, to-day, asked the tall, slender, straight-as-an-arrow septuagenarian the secret of his health.



THOMAS HIBBARD.

"Well, George and I have shifted for ourselves ever since we were twelve years old. We've always worked. We belong to the church of the Baptist persuasion, don't use liquor nor chew tobacco. We've always voted the straight Republican ticket since the foundation of that party.

Thomas Fassett Hibbard was reluctant to talk about himself, but admitted that he voted for his second cousin for Governor last fall.

"Yes, my mother was a Fassett—Amelia Fassett. Jacob Sloat Fassett's grandfather and my mother were brother and sister.

"My father was Thomas Hibbard, and he was a hard-headed old Democrat. There wasn't much of anything but Democrats in his day," Mr. Hibbard said apologetically.

The Hibbards are very much alike. George weighs about 150 pounds, and Thomas is twenty-two pounds lighter. They are 5 feet 9 inches in stature, and each has a peculiarly pleasant air.

These are a soft brown, but about the iris is a narrow slant of light blue. Each dresses in a black Prince Albert suit, and each is gray as a rat, but of full voice and hearty.

Thomas combs his iron gray hair straight up from his high, full brow, a la pompadour, while George's iron-gray top-knot is brushed down.

"Why, we have always been so much alike—brother George and I—that nobody could ever tell us one from 't'other—nobody except mother," exclaimed Thomas, laughingly.

"My father couldn't. When he wanted one of us he'd say, 'Here, sir; what's your name?' There were many laughable mistakes made because of our motherly way of referring to ourselves—before mother died and we were separated.

"You see we were born on March 8, 1822, at House's Point, on Lake Champlain. We lived in a stone house across the highway from father's country store, which he built of stone in 1830 on a little rise of ground right on the bank of the lake.

"When we were twelve years old we were separated and our two sisters were scattered. I, George, went to Plattsburg and I to a place three miles from House's Point, called Temple's Point, where my brother and I both brought up in Rondout. Brother George has lived there ever since.

"I became a clerk in a general store when I was twelve. It was a long store and stood on both north and south sides of the Hudson river right there so that half the store was in Canada and half in New York State.

"Oh, no, I never did. I was a deacon in Rev. Dr. B. S. Montgomery's Greene Avenue Baptist Church for thirty years. Oh, no, we never did any smuggling.

"Then he attacked me reflectively, and stroking his patriarchal beard went on: 'But the store was convenient! Ogdens and the distillers used to ship their goods to us. Then the Canadian folks used to come from as far as Italy to buy whiskey of our firm. The firm was Smith & Hilliard. They never smuggled—the Canadian buyers took all the risk of doing that.'

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BOGUS PRIEST AND SWINDLER.

Locked Up for Attempting to Raise Funds for Fraud.

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Charles C. Spencer can be seen almost any clear day driving behind his new team along Bedford avenue.

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Edward Johnson is fond of bowling. He belongs to several clubs and is becoming an expert.

Ex-State Fish Commissioner Eugene G. Blackford, who conducts a prosperous business in Fulton market, is a Brooklynite. He lives in a pretty home on the Hill.

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