Joseph Hubbs was born on November 30, 1806 in Southwest Pennsylvania. Early in his adult life he was a merchant in St. Marys and through his investments and thrift he was able to purchase government securities and real estate. His investments were vast to the point that he was able to affect the financial market of the region. During the secession, he was a stout supporter of the Union, and was a delegate for the Constitutional Convention. He married Joanna Ambler and had 4 children with her: Jennie, Sarah, who married Christian Schauwecker, Barbara, who married Job Smith, and Joanna, who married Charles W. Bills all of Pleasants County.

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