THE HOPKINS FAMILY OF BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE, c.1840 to 1872

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JOHN HOPKINS was born in St Mary Bourne, Hampshire and baptised there on 24 June 1821, son of John and Mary Ann (Hewett) Hopkins. He became an assistant to maltster Robert North in Barton Stacey and lived with the North household at the house now called The Malthouse, next to All Saints' church. By 1851 he had risen to head maltster with the Norths.

In 1851 he married Amelia Cockman, who was born in Sparsholt, Hampshire and baptised there on 14 January 1827, daughter of Thomas Cockman junior and his wife Sarah. In 1872 the Hopkins family emigrated to the USA and settled in Guthrie County, Iowa. John Hopkins died on 21 December 1881 at Bear Grove, Guthrie County.

Children of John and Amelia (Cockman) Hopkins, born at Barton Stacey¹,

- i. Rosa, born 1852. She died on 15 August 1879 in Guthrie County.
- ii. **GEORGE**, born 27 September 1854. He married firstly Dora Ann Needham on 24 May 1882 at Grinnell, Poweshiek County, Iowa. By her he had three daughters before her death in 1889. He married secondly Alice Charlotte Ridenour (daughter of J.B. and Mary A. (Beatty) Ridenour) on 7 January 1893.

Children of George and Dora Ann (Needham) Hopkins,

- i. Margaret Hester, born 8 December 1883, died 5 September 1970.
- ii. Rose Elizabeth, born 16 February 1887 at Paton Greene, Iowa. She married Fred Henry Rogers.
- iii. Dora Amelia, born 22 March 1889.

Children of George and Alice Charlotte (Ridenour) Hopkins,

- iv. Mary Beatrice, born 23 August 1898.
- v. Blanche Lillian, born 1902 Cass County, Iowa, died 2 April 1934 in Bell, Los Angeles County, California.

¹ Information obtained from a pedigree posted online at Ancestry.com.