

James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard



Linda F. McCauley

PO Box 1751 | Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456

www.documentingthedetails.com | linda@lfmccauley.com

17 Oct 2022

Table of Contents

James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard	2
John Covey Hopkins	12
Henry Mattison Hopkins	17
Elijah L. Hopkins	21
Elmer Dennis Hopkins	26
Columbus Ora Hopkins	41
Leo Berry Hopkins	47
Howard Doctor Hopkins	53
General Grant Hopkins	59
Lula Mae Hopkins	62
Walter Hopkins	64

Photos included in this document and more are available to download at <https://lfmccauley.smugmug.com/Hopkins-Taylor-Photos>.

Copyright © 2022 Linda F. McCauley. All rights reserved.

Terms of Use

The purpose of this document is to share family history research I have conducted with family members and others with a connection to the family. This document is free to download for personal use and sharing with others by anyone with a connection to the family. If you find errors or have questions, please contact linda@lfmccauley.com.

Downloading this document or otherwise copying the information constitutes agreement to these terms of use.

1. Users may not modify, edit, or create derivative works of this document.
2. Users may not re-publish or re-produce this document without written permission from the author. That includes copying content to blogs, websites, and online family trees.
3. Users may not remove the terms of use and copyright information from this document and its contents may not be copied to another media with those items excluded.

James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard



Jim & Cindy, abt 1885

Jim and Cindy were both born in small communities in the mountains—Jim in Tennessee, Cindy in Kentucky. Jim's birthplace, Mulberry Gap, is in northwestern Hancock County, Tennessee, near the Virginia border. Wallins Creek, Kentucky, where Cindy was born, is on the Cumberland River in western Harlan County.¹

Lucinda

Lucinda Howard was born on 16 February 1867, to John Covey Howard and his third wife, Mary F. Morris.² She was the sixth of their seven children. John Covey had thirteen other children from his two earlier marriages, and Mary had one daughter from a previous relationship. That gave Cindy twenty siblings, the oldest of whom turned 39 years old two months after Cindy's birth.³

Cindy grew up in Wallins Creek. As a three-year-old in 1870, she lived with her parents, full siblings Idress, Henry, and Sarah, and half-siblings Jacob, Newberry, and Ary.⁴ At thirteen-years-old in 1880, Cindy could read and write and attended school. The household then included her parents, her maternal grandfather, Littleton Morris, siblings Sarah, Madison, and Idress (who was divorced), and Idress's two children, Elijah and Laura Howard.⁵

James Arton

James Arton Hopkins was born on 1 December 1861 to Eliza Hopkins, daughter of Stephen Hopkins and Rachel McFarland.⁶ Family lore identifies his father as Stephen Wolfenbarger, but that remains unproven.

The story is that Eliza married Stephen in Hancock County just before the Civil War. They had two sons (James Arton and his older brother William Columbus), and Stephen died during the war. Eliza married Ephram Simpson and moved away, leaving the boys with her parents. Because their Hopkins grandparents raised the boys, they went by Hopkins instead of Wolfenbarger.⁷

The facts do not fully support that story. Eliza Hopkins was the boys' mother.⁸ She and the boys lived with her parents in Hancock County and moved with them to Harlan County after the Civil War.⁹ Eliza Hopkins married Ephram Simpson in Harlan County in 1866 and moved to Indiana, then later Missouri.¹⁰ She left Jim and Lum with her parents.¹¹

Stephen Wolfenbarger, the son of Wilkerson Hilton Wolfenbarger and Sarah Taylor, lived in Hancock County.¹² In 1860, Stephen (age 22) lived in Mulberry Gap with an apparent wife named Margaret (age 18).¹³ Eliza and her oldest son, Lum, both with the surname Hopkins, lived with her parents in 1860.¹⁴ Stephen joined the Confederacy on 22 May 1861 and died in battle before 14 May 1863.¹⁵

Margaret Wolfenbarger (age 27) was in Lee County, Virginia, which adjoins Hancock County, in 1870. She had two sons, Peter (age 9) and Richard (age 3). This is almost certainly the Margaret listed with Stephen in 1860 as the 1870 census record states she and her children were born in Hancock County. Based on age, Richard could not be Stephen's son, but Peter could.¹⁶

A few researchers have theorized that the boys went by Hopkins instead of Wolfenbarger because the families were on opposite sides during the war. Stephen fought and died for the Confederacy while Eliza's only two brothers fought for the Union.¹⁷ Others have "solved" the problem by combining Margaret and Eliza into one woman named Margaret "Eliza" as if Eliza is a nickname for Margaret.¹⁸

The Hancock County courthouse burned in 1880 and again in 1930.¹⁹ Marriage records for this time do not survive.²⁰ But Stephen almost certainly had a wife named Margaret.²¹ And Eliza's name on her and Simpson's marriage record is Eliza Hopkins, not Eliza Wolfenbarger.²²

DNA may someday answer the question of Jim's paternity. Y-DNA results for one of his grandsons are inconclusive due to lack of close matches. But autosomal DNA results for that grandson and two granddaughters show a connection to the Wolfenbargers that can only be through his paternal side. So far, it has not been possible to identify a specific Wolfenbarger man as their father. It could be Stephen, but it also could be his father, an uncle, a cousin, or even a more distant relative.²³

In 1870, Jim and his brother lived with their grandparents at Jerrys Branch near Molus. Their aunts Elizabeth, Cerena, and Martha, and cousins George, William, Mack, and Landan lived with them.²⁴ Jim's whereabouts in 1880 are unknown. He was not with his grandparents or Eliza.²⁵ Jim told of visiting his mother in Indiana as a young man, saying that his step-father made him feel unwelcome, so he returned to Harlan County.²⁶ He may have been missed in that census because he was travelling during the time it was taken.

Life in Wallins Creek

Jim and Cindy married on Christmas Day in 1885 at Wallins Creek, likely at the home of Cindy's parents.²⁷ Jim was twenty-four years old, and Cindy was eighteen.

They began life together in a small house on her parents' Wallins Creek property near the top of the mountain.²⁸ Eight of their ten children were born in that house. Their first child, John Covey, was born on 9 November 1886.²⁹ Next came Henry Mattison on 9 January 1899 and Elijah L. on 8 August 1890 or 1891.³⁰ Elmer Dennis was born on 2 April 1894, Columbus Ora on 24 May 1896, and Leo Berry on 28 February

1898.³¹ The last two children born there were Howard Doctor on 26 January 1900 and General Grant on 2 August 1902.³²

On 2 March 1889, Cindy's parents deeded the 150 acre Wallins Creek farm where they lived to their four living children, Henry, Sarah, Lucinda, and Madison, and the heirs of their deceased daughter, Idress. They gave the land for care, support, and attention and retained control and possession of the land for their natural lives.³³

Jim bought other property in Harlan County starting in 1891, when he, along with Cindy's brother Henry Howard and her brother-in-law Elijah Brock, bought property on Rocky Field Branch from William Blanton for \$105.³⁴ In 1892, Jim added to their Wallins Creek property with a tract adjoining his father-in-law's farm, purchased from John M. and Birdie Napier for \$1,225.³⁵ Between 1895 and 1901, Jim bought property on Watts Creek and on Saylor's Creek.³⁶

Jim once served as a magistrate, but his principal occupation was farming.³⁷ What he raised is unknown. Most of their property at Wallins Creek was a mountainside, and that was likely true for the other Harlan County property he owned.³⁸

Cindy's nephew Wilse Howard, son of her half-brother Hiram Brock Howard, was a ringleader in the Howard-Turner Feud in the late 1800s. He once came to Cindy running from the law. She hid him under a feather bed mattress and made the bed up over him. Officials searched her house but did not find him, and he later escaped from Harlan County.³⁹ Wilse was hanged in Missouri in 1894, but that is a different story.⁴⁰

Move to Rockcastle County

Jim and Cindy sold their Wallins Creek and Saylor's Creek properties on 22 February 1904 to make way for a move to Rockcastle County.⁴¹ They had sold the Watts Creek property in 1899 and 1903.⁴² Jim's brother, Lum, moved to Rockcastle County around the same time.⁴³ They likely moved to find better farmland.

On 16 March 1904, Jim bought a farm near Brodhead from S. Monie and Joshua Dunn for \$2,000. He paid \$1,900 in cash, with the final \$100 due in a year, for 112 acres on Boone Fork on what is now Kentucky Highway 1326.⁴⁴ They added six acres, bought from Hannah Whitehead for \$60, on 31 January 1912.⁴⁵

The two-story house on the farm had seven rooms, plus a porch the length of the house on both levels.⁴⁶ Jim usually had fifty acres of corn and a hayfield to cultivate every year, and the children helped with the farm work.⁴⁷

According to Jim's niece Cindy Hopkins Saylor troops on one side or the other used the house during the Civil War. When the family moved in blood stains left by wounded soldiers remained on the upstairs walls and porch.⁴⁸

Two more children were born after the move to Rockcastle County—Lula Mae on 26 November 1904 and Walter in 1906.⁴⁹ Walter died as an infant. The exact dates of his birth and death are unknown. He was buried in Maretburg Cemetery in Rockcastle County.⁵⁰

The Mt. Vernon Signal reported on 22 May 1908 that Jim had refused to allow the East Tennessee Telephone Company to set 14 poles on his property. The company instituted a lawsuit to condemn the land for that purpose. Specifics of the lawsuit are unknown, but on 25 May, the Rockcastle County court dismissed the case. The plaintiff moved for a dismissal without prejudice and at their expense.⁵¹

Cindy was an excellent cook and seamstress. She quilted, made clothes for herself and daughter, Lula, and even made suits for her sons.⁵² She exhibited samples of her sewing and jelly at local fairs. In 1909 and

1912, she won an award in the handmade articles category for ladies' gloves. In 1913, her blackberry jelly was a first place winner.⁵³

On 28 October 1919, Jim and Cindy sold their farm, advertised as 140 acres, at an auction run by Rockcastle Real Estate Company in Mt. Vernon. The newspaper ad described the property and the reason for the sale:⁵⁴

"Its location and general character make it a most desirable place and the only reason why Mr. Hopkins has consented to sell is because his years and health are such that he cannot work it himself; his boys have all grown to manhood and gone out into the world to do for themselves and outside labor is too high to hire."⁵⁵

At fifty-seven years old, Jim was younger than the ad implies, and several of their sons still lived with them. Jim continued to farm other properties for over ten years.⁵⁶ Jim and Cindy made a nice profit on the farm, which sold for \$10,055.75. While the real estate company ad said the farm was 140 acres, the deed to buyer W. B. Sigman called it 132 acres.⁵⁷ Even that is more than the 118 acres identified in the two deeds from when Jim bought the property.⁵⁸

On 5 December 1919, Jim paid \$4,500 for a farm at Gum Sulphur, a community in Rockcastle County between Brodhead and Crab Orchard. This farm, on Boone Highway (now Kentucky Highway 2750, formerly U. S. Highway 150), included 100 acres and a two-story frame house near the road.⁵⁹ The Hopkins family lived there until moving to Ohio two years later.⁶⁰

Move to Ohio

Jim and Cindy sold the Gum Sulphur farm on 26 November 1921 for \$4,000 and bought 169 acres in Harlan Township in Warren County, Ohio, on 19 December 1921.⁶¹ That farm was on Templin Road, between Morrow and Blanchester.⁶²

Jim and Cindy moved their belongings from Kentucky to Ohio on the train.⁶³ Why they moved to Ohio is not known. It could have again been a move spurred by better farmland.

They moved into the existing two-story brick house, which had been a stagecoach way house.⁶⁴ Grant and Lula, and possibly Berry and Doc, moved with them.⁶⁵ Henry and his wife, Bess, lived with them in 1920 in Rockcastle County and may have also moved with them to Ohio, although they eventually moved to Michigan.⁶⁶ Jim and Cindy had a smaller, one-story house built in a different location on the farm and moved into it by the summer of 1932.⁶⁷

On 8 December 1932, less than one month before he died, Jim deeded the Warren County property to Cindy, stipulating that it go to their nine living children at her death.⁶⁸ Jim died at home of lobar pneumonia on 5 January 1933 after being ill for six days. He was buried on 7 January in Morrow Cemetery in Salem Township.⁶⁹

Jim and Cindy's granddaughter Faye was not yet three years old when Jim died, but she remembers her grandfather sitting in a straight-back chair on the front porch. She also remembers that, while his hair was gray, his mustache had a red tint.⁷⁰

Two months after Jim died, Cindy's sister Sarah became a widow, too.⁷¹ Sarie and Elijah Brock lived in Wallins Creek and had no children. She soon moved to Ohio to live with Cindy, and the sisters lived together for the rest of their lives.⁷² Family members did not remember them ever disagreeing.⁷³

Return to Wallins Creek

When Cindy's brother Henry died in 1931, his will specified that his Wallins Creek house go to Cindy after the death of his wife, Elizabeth. Besides the house, Henry left \$3,000 to Cindy and \$2,000 to Sarie, also to be distributed after Elizabeth's death.⁷⁴ Elizabeth died in 1939 and a few years later, Cindy and Sarie returned "home" to Wallins Creek.⁷⁵ Their new house was on their parents' old farm, where they had both spent many years of their lives.

Elizabeth had moved out of the house several years before she died and rented it out. When Cindy decided to move into the house, the renters did not want to leave. They told Cindy the house was haunted, thinking that might dissuade her. Without hesitation, Cindy said that was fine because the ghosts would all be relatives, and she would be happy to see them. She told that story so often that her granddaughter Faye was afraid to go upstairs in the house.⁷⁶

Cindy sold the Ohio farm to John Houston on 17 January 1947. The deed does not name the price Houston paid for the property. Because Jim deeded Cindy the property with instructions for it to go to their children at her death, the children and their spouses had to agree to the sale and sign the deed.⁷⁷

The Wallins Creek house had a living room, dining room, kitchen, bedroom, and bathroom on the first floor and two bedrooms upstairs. Cindy's daughter, Lula, who lived in Tampa, Florida, by then, wrote with instructions on where to put everything in the house. Cindy followed her directions, including hanging a doll that belonged to Lula on the living room wall.⁷⁸

The kitchen had a sink, a stove, and a big pantry. In the dining room, they had a table and chairs and a half bed. The first-floor bedroom had two double beds and a dresser. Cindy and Sarie both slept in that bedroom. Throws made by their mother covered each bed.⁷⁹

The house was across Wallins Creek from the main road, but a car bridge did not exist. When the creek was low, people drove through it to get to their house. When the creek was up, they walked across a small pedestrian bridge.⁸⁰

Cindy's son Elmer lived less than ten miles away in Loyall. From the time they moved back to Wallins Creek until they died, he visited daily to check on his mother and aunt. He went either before or after work, depending on his shift with the railroad.⁸¹

Cindy and Sarie raised most of their own food. They had a cow for milk and kept chickens for eggs and meat. They canned vegetables, dried green beans and apples, and made preserves and jelly. They kept potatoes and cabbage in feed sacks buried in the ground to last most of the winter. Cindy made biscuits most mornings and kept honey on the dining room table.⁸²

Cindy was 90 years old when she died at home on 16 May 1957 of arteriosclerotic heart disease.⁸³ Her funeral was held in Morrow on 20 May, and she was buried beside Jim in Morrow Cemetery.⁸⁴ Sarie died eight months later at 96 years old and was buried beside her husband, Lige, in Old Creech Cemetery at Wallins Creek.⁸⁵

Endnotes for James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard

1. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (KY, Loyall, 1969-1977), scanned copy of fill-in-the-blanks family history privately held by Linda F. McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY; Linda is Emma's granddaughter; p. 8, James Arton Hopkins born Mulberry Gap, TN; Lucinda Howard born Wallins Creek, KY.
2. KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services, death certificate no. 57-11948 (1957), Lucinda Hopkins; Office of Vital Statistics, Frankfort; birth date. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1969-1977); p. 8, parents.
3. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1969-1977); p. 20 & 21.
4. 1870 U.S. census, Harlan Co., KY, population schedule, District #1, p. 22, dwelling 144, family 144, John C. Howard; digital image, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7163> : accessed 5 Feb 2010); from NARA microfilm M593, roll 468.
5. 1880 U.S. census, Harlan Co., KY, population schedule, 6th Mag. Dist., enumeration district (ED) 46, p. 474D, dwelling 31, family 31, J. C. Howard; digital image, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6742> : accessed 16 Mar 2011); from NARA microfilm T9, roll 418.
6. OH Dept of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, death certificate no. 6488 (1933), James Adam Hopkins; Ohio Historical Society, Columbus; birth date; middle name misspelled. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1969-1977); full name, mother Eliza Hopkins, birth place, mother's parents Stephen & Rachel Hopkins. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007154045>: accessed 25 Jan 2011), digital film 007154045, images 951-968, Eastern Cherokees Application of Mary Cole, #21280, 19 Mar 1907; Mary was daughter of Lewis Anderson and Nancy Hopkins, she gave her grandparents as Stephen Hopkins & Rachel McFarland.
7. Gerald Grand Hopkins, grandson of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard. Emma Taylor Hopkins, daughter-in-law of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard.
8. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1969-1977) p. 8 & 20.
9. 1860 U.S. census, Hancock Co., TN, Mulberry Gap, population schedule, p. 139, dwelling 950, family 907, Stephen Hopkins; digital image, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7667> : accessed 14 Jun 2004); from NARA microfilm M653, roll 1252. 1870 U.S. census, Harlan Co., KY, population schedule, District 7, p. 47A, dwelling 34, family 34, Stephen Hopkins; digital image, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7163> : accessed 14 Jun 2004); from NARA microfilm M593, roll 468.
10. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/005560907> : accessed 17 Jun 2022), digital film 00005560907, image 215, Harlan Co., KY, Marriages, 1856-1878: 22, Ephraim Simpson & Eliza Hopkins, 11 Oct 1866. 1870 U.S. census, Greene Co., IN, population schedule, Highland Township, p. 339A, dwelling 176, family 176, Ephraim Simpson; digital image, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7163> : accessed 16 Mar 2014); from NARA microfilm M593, roll 318. 1880 U.S. census, Greene Co., IN, population schedule, Beech Creek, enumeration district (ED) 293, p. 16C, dwelling 88, family 88, Ephraim Simpson; digital image, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6742> : accessed 30 Nov 2008); from NARA microfilm T9, roll 280. 1900 U.S. census, Butler Co., MO, population schedule, Epps, enumeration district (ED) 14, p. 63A, dwelling 21, family 21, Ephrom Simpson; digital image, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 30 Jan 2008); from NARA microfilm T623, roll 843.
11. 1870 U.S. census, Harlan Co., KY, pop. sch., p. 47A, dwell. 34, fam. 34, Stephen Hopkins.
12. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007579009> : accessed 17 Jun 2022), digital film 0007579009, image 9, Lee Co., VA, Marriages, 1: 4, Wilkerson Wolfenbarger & Sally Taylor, 15 Feb 1833. 1850 U.S. census, Hancock Co., TN, population schedule, Subdivision 32, p. 51B, dwelling 353, family 353, Wilkerson Wolfenbarger; digital images, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054> : accessed 9 Mar 2018); from NARA microfilm M432, roll 881.
13. 1860 U.S. census, Hancock Co., TN, population schedule, Mulberry Gap, p. 146, dwelling 977, family 932, Stephen Wolfenbarger; digital image, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7667> : accessed 13 Feb 2018); from NARA microfilm M653, roll 1252.
14. 1860 U.S. census, Hancock Co., TN, pop. sch., p. 139, dwell. 950, fam. 907, Stephen Hopkins.
15. Civil War Service Records – Confederate -Tennessee, digital images, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com> : accessed 30 Jun 2012), Civil War (Confederate) > Civil War Service Records > 19th Infantry > W > Wolfenbarger, Stephen, enlisted 22 May 1861, Knoxville, TN; from NARA microfilm M268, Record Group 109.

16. 1870 U.S. census, Lee Co., VA, population schedule, Jonesville Township, p. 272A, dwelling 390, family 396, Margaret Wolfenbarger; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7163> : accessed 20 Jan 2004); from NARA microfilm M593, roll 1658.
17. Civil War Service Records – Union – Kentucky, digital images, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com> : accessed 18 Jun 2022), Civil War (Union) > Civil War Service Records > 49th Infantry, F-K > H > Hopkins, George & Hopkins, John W., both enlisted 20 Jul 1863, Harlan Co., KY; from NARA microfilm M397, Record Group 94.
18. Correspondence from other Hopkins researchers and searching Ancestry.com trees.
19. “Lost Records: Courthouse Fires and Disasters in Tennessee,” *Tennessee State Library & Archives*, (<https://sos.tn.gov/tsla/pages/lost-records-courthouse-fires-and-disasters-in-tennessee> : accessed 18 Jun 2022); Hancock Co., fires in 1885 and 1930.
20. Alice Eichholz, editor, *Redbook, American State, County, and Town Sources, Third Edition* (Provo, UT: Ancestry Publishing, 2004); p. 638, earliest marriage records begin 1930.
21. 1860 U.S. census, Hancock Co., TN, pop. sch., Mulberry Gap, p. 146, dwell. 977, fam. 932, Stephen Wolfenbarger.
22. *FamilySearch*, digital film 00005560907, image 215, Harlan Co., KY, Marriages, Simpson-Hopkins.
23. DNA Matches, database, *FamilyTreeDNA* (<https://www.familytreedna.com> : accessed 18 Mar 2022), Y-DNA, 67 marker results for grandson1; name held privately; access to all kit available to Linda McCauley. DNA Matches, database, *AncestryDNA* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 18 Mar 2022), autosomal DNA results for Edna Hopkins Chesnut, grandson1, and granddaughter2; names for two testers held privately; access to all three kits available to Linda McCauley. The Shared cM Project 4.0 tool v4, *DNA Painter* (<https://www.dnapiainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4> : accessed 18 Mar 2022).
24. 1870 U.S. census, Harlan Co., KY, pop. sch., p. 47A, dwell. 34, fam. 34, Stephen Hopkins.
25. 1880 U.S. census, Harlan Co., KY, population schedule, 13th Mag Dist, enumeration district (ED) 293, p. 487B, dwelling 272, family 273, Stephen Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6742> : accessed 14 Jun 2004); from NARA microfilm T9, roll 418. 1880 U.S. census, Greene Co., IN, pop. sch., Beech Creek, ED 293, p. 16C, dwell. 88, fam. 88, Ephraim Simpson.
26. Gerald Grant Hopkins, grandson of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard.
27. ean Hopkins Carpenter (MI) to Linda McCauley, email, dated 14 May 2004; privately held by Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY; Jean shared information given to her by her aunt Lula M. Hopkins, daughter of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard; Jim & Cindy married Christmas 1885.
28. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard; as a teenager, walked up the mountain with her father to see the house.
29. Jean Hopkins Carpenter to Linda McCauley, email, dated 14 May 2004; John’s full name. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, “Our Family History” (1969-1977); p. 10, birthdate.
30. “U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1002> : accessed 20 Feb 2022), Henry Mattison Hopkins, serial no. 941; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri. “U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6482> : accessed 30 Aug 2007), Elijah Hopkins, serial no. 56, Rockcastle Co., KY; from U.S., World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, M1509, NARA, Washington, D.C; birth date 8 Aug 1891; middle initial L. “U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1002> : accessed 20 Feb 2022), Eligh Hopkins, serial no. 909; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri; birth date 8 Aug 1890.
31. KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services, death certificate no. 13870 (1980), Elmer D. Hopkins; Office of Vital Statistics, Frankfort. “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 20 Feb 2022), Lum Ora Hopkins, serial no. 890; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri; birth date and middle name Ora. Jean Hopkins Carpenter to Linda McCauley, email, dated 14 May 2004; information from Lula Mae Hopkins; Lum short for Columbus.
32. “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 20 Feb 2022), Howard Doc Hopkins, serial no. 1616; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri. “Arizona, U.S., Death Records, 1887-1960,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8704> : accessed 20 Feb 2022), death certificate no. 3046 (1963), Grant Hopkins; from AZ Dept. of Health Services, Phoenix. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, “Our Family History” (1969-1977); p. 10, first name General.

33. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/008339131> : accessed 9 May 2022), digital film 008339131, images 79-80, Harlan Co., KY, Deeds N:152-154, John C. & Mary Howard (grantor), Henry Howard, Sarah Brock, Lucinda Hopkins, Madison Howard, & heirs of Idress Howard (grantee), 2 Mar 1889.
34. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/008339130> : accessed 9 May 2022), digital film 008339130, image 340, Harlan Co., KY, Deeds Q:10-11, William Blanton (grantor), Henry Howard, Elijah Brock & James Hopkins (grantee), 10 Mar 1891.
35. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/008339130> : accessed 9 May 2022), digital film 008339130, image 489, Harlan Co., KY, Deeds Q:304-305, John M. & Birdie Napier (grantor), James A. Hopkins (grantee), 11 Mar 1892.
36. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/008339129> : accessed 9 May 2022), digital film 008339129, image 208, Harlan Co., KY, Deeds R:390-391, T. H. Howard (grantor), James A. Hopkins (grantee), 10 Apr 1895. Harlan Co., KY, Deeds, 27:276-277, Jackson & Mary Blanton (grantor), James A. Hopkins (grantee), 16 Jan 1897; microfilm 992284, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/008339128> : accessed 9 May 2022), digital film 008339128, image 591, Harlan Co., KY, Deeds U:486-487, Robert & Clary Howard (grantor), James A. Hopkins (grantee), 15 Jan 1901.
37. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, “Our Family History” (1969-1977); p. 8, magistrate. 1900 U.S. census, Harlan Co., KY, population schedule, Wallins Creek, enumeration district (ED) 54, p. 94A, dwelling 147, family 147, James Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 22 Aug 2009); from NARA microfilm T623, roll 525. 1910 U.S. census, Rockcastle Co., KY, population schedule, Mag. Dist 3, enumeration district (ED) 102, sheet 7A, dwelling 94, family 99, James A. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 22 Aug 2009); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 500. 1920 U.S. census, Rockcastle Co., KY, population schedule, South Brodhead, enumeration district (ED) 248, sheet 16A, dwelling 299, family 300, James A. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061> : accessed 22 Aug 2009); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 595. Occupation farming on 1900-1920 census records.
38. Linda Faye McCauley, great-granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard; personal knowledge of their property and Harlan County.
39. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, “Our Family History” (1969-1977); p. 50-51.
40. “Wils Howard Hanged,” *Liberal News* (Liberal, KS), 25 Jan 1894, p. 2, col 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 2 Jan 2022).
41. Harlan Co., KY, Deeds, 8:633-635, James A & Lucinda Hopkins and Mary Howard (grantor), Henry Howard (grantee), 22 Feb 1904; microfilm 990915, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort. Harlan Co., KY, Deeds, 9:592-593, James A & Lucinda Hopkins (grantor), Joseph H. Saylor (grantee), 22 Feb 1904; microfilm 990915, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.
42. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/008339128> : accessed 9 May 2022), digital film 008339128, image 156, Harlan Co., KY, Deeds T:302-303, James A. & Lucinda Hopkins (grantor), Martha Howard (grantee), 4 Apr 1899. Harlan Co., KY, Deeds, 15:38-39, James A & Lucindy Hopkins (grantor), Daniel Slusher (grantee), 11 Sep 1903; microfilm 990916, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.
43. 1910 U.S. census, Rockcastle Co., KY, population schedule, Precinct 10, enumeration district (ED) 102, sheet 10B, dwelling 183, family 184, William C. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 5 Jul 2004); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 500.
44. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 20: 498-499, Joshua & S.Monie Dunn (grantor), J. A. Hopkins (grantee), 16 Mar 1904; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.
45. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 27: 376-377, Hannah Whitehead (grantor), J. A. Hopkins (grantee), 31 Jan 1912; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.
46. “Auction Sale, Farm of J. A. Hopkins,” *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 10 Oct 1919, p. 2; digital image, *Chronicling America* (<https://www.chroniclingamerica.loc.gov> : accessed 24 Jul 2012). Hopkins House photograph, 1909; picture taken by Elmer Henry Hopkins, son of James Arton Hopkins’s cousin Stephen Henry Hopkins; digital image received by Linda McCauley from John S. Hopkins, OR, grandson of Elmer Henry, 5 May 2008; shows exterior of house including porches on each level.
47. Interview with Doc Hopkins, 11 Jun 1974, OH74; Oral History Collection, Frist Library and Archive of the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, Nashville, TN; transcript provided by FLA.
48. Emma Taylor Hopkins, daughter-in-law of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard.

49. Jean Hopkins Carpenter (MI) to Linda McCauley, email, dated 14 May 2004; privately held by Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY; Jean shared information given to her by her aunt Lula M. Hopkins, daughter of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard.
50. Jean Hopkins Carpenter to Linda McCauley, email, dated 14 May 2004; information from Lula Mae Hopkins; information about Walter.
51. "Personal," *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 22 May 1908, p. 3, col 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 10 Jun 2022). *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007646846> : accessed 10 Jun 2022), digital film 007646846, image113, Rockcastle Co., KY, Court Orders, 5: 151, East Tennessee Telephone Co. vs J. A. Hopkins, 25 May 1908.
52. Emma Taylor Hopkins, daughter-in-law of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard.
53. "Rockcastle County Fair," *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 20 Aug 1909, p. 3, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 10 Jun 2022). "Mt. Vernon Fair," *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 16 Aug 1912, p. 1, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 10 Jun 2022). "Brodhead Fair, Jellies," *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 22 Aug 1913, p. 2, col. 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 10 Jun 2022).
54. "Auction Sale, Farm of J. A. Hopkins," *Mt. Vernon Signal*, 10 Oct 1919.
55. "Auction Sale, Farm of J. A. Hopkins," *Mt. Vernon Signal*, 10 Oct 1919.
56. 1920 U.S. census, Rockcastle Co., KY, pop. sch., South Brodhead, ED 248, sheet 16A, dwell. 299, fam. 300, James A. Hopkins; sons Henry, Lum, Berry, Doc, and Grant lived with him; Jim's occupation farmer.
57. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 43: 9-10, J. A. & Lucinda Hopkins (grantor), W. B. Sigmon (grantee), 15 Nov 1919; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.
58. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 27: 376-377. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 20: 498-499.
59. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 39: 221-222, Douglas & Belle Brown (grantor), J. A. Hopkins (grantee), 5 Dec 1919; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard; two-story frame house near the road.
60. Emma Taylor Hopkins, daughter-in-law of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard.
61. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 43: 15-16, J. A. & Lucinda Hopkins (grantor), Tim Pennington (grantee), 26 Nov 1921; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon. *Warren County, Ohio, Recorder* (<https://ohwarren.fidlar.com/OHWarren/AvaWeb/#/search> : accessed 10 May 2022), digital images, Deed Book 110: 305, Charles & Katherine M. Deck (grantor), James A. Hopkins (grantee), 19 Dec 1921.
62. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard.
63. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard.
64. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard. Lula M. Hopkins, letter to Jean Hopkins Carpenter, 25 Nov 1970; stagecoach way house.
65. Emma Taylor Hopkins, daughter-in-law of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard.
66. 1920 U.S. census, Rockcastle Co., KY, pop. sch., South Brodhead, ED 248, sheet 16A, dwell. 299, fam. 300, James A. Hopkins. 1930 U.S. census, Wayne Co., MI, population schedule, Ecorse Village, enumeration district (ED) 82-913, sheet 8A, dwelling 141, family 148, H. M. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 22 Feb 2010); from NARA microfilm T626, roll 1071.
67. Hopkins Family in Front of House, 1932; digital image, scanned 5 Jan 2010 by Linda McCauley from photo collection of Edna Hopkins Chesnut; house identified by Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley.
68. Warren County, Ohio, Recorder (<https://ohwarren.fidlar.com/OHWarren/AvaWeb/#/search> : accessed 10 May 2022), digital images, Deed Book 128: 72, James A. Hopkins (grantor), Lucinda Hopkins (grantee), 8 Dec 1932.
69. OH Dept of Health, death certificate no. 6488 (1933), James Adam Hopkins. Morrow Cemetery (Salem Township, Warren Co., OH), James A. & Lucinda Hopkins marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 22 Jun 2012.
70. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard.

71. “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222> : accessed 20 Jun 2022), death certificate no. 9000 (1933), Lige Brock; from microfilm 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.

72. Emma Taylor Hopkins, daughter-in-law of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard.

73. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard.

74. Copy of Henry Howard’s will dated 3 Dec 1930; privately held by Pat Howard, KY, copy provided to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 2010; this appears to be a copy someone in the family had rather than one made from the official Harlan County records.

75. “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222> : accessed 22 Jun 2022), death certificate no. 29853 (1939), Elizabeth Howard; from microfilm 7016130–7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard; remembers she was a teenager when her grandmother moved back to Wallins Creek.

76. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard.

77. Warren County, Ohio, Recorder (<https://ohwarren.fidlar.com/OHWarren/AvaWeb/#/search> : accessed 10 May 2022), digital images, Deed Book 171: 38-41, Lucinda Howard & others (grantor), John Houston (grantee), 17 Jan 1947.

78. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard.

79. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard.

80. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard.

81. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard.

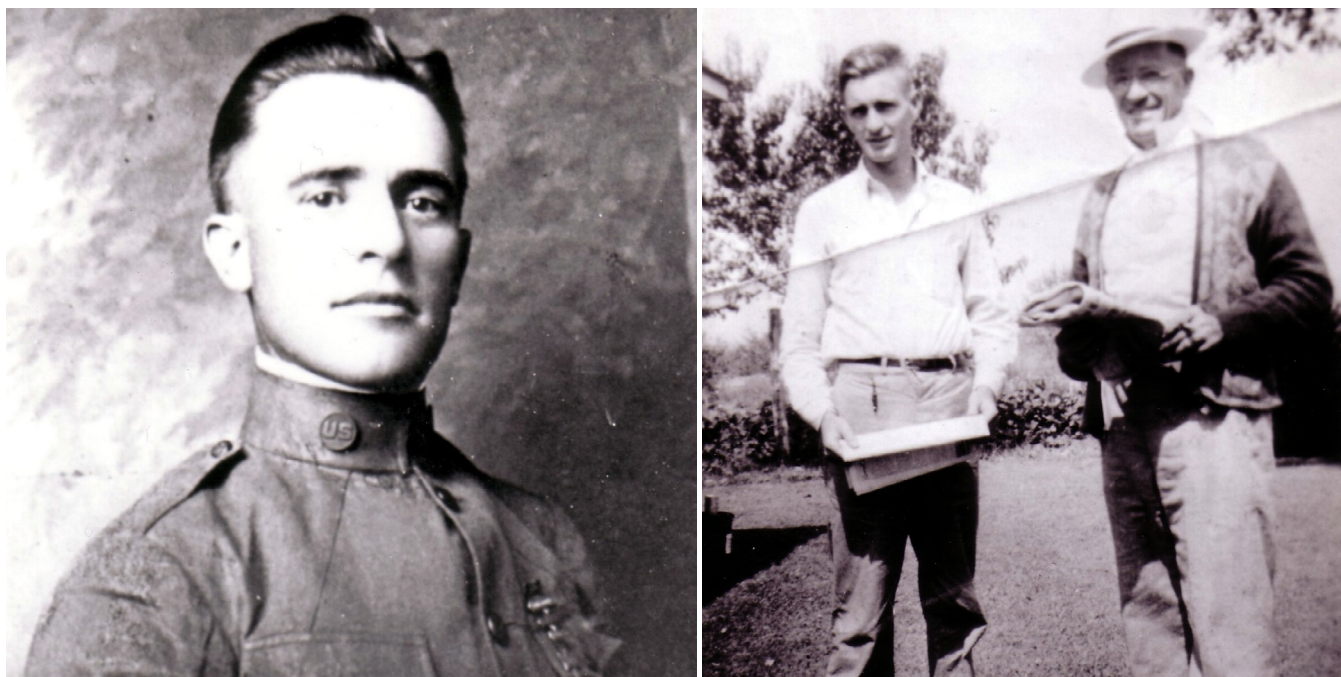
82. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard.

83. KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services, death certificate no. 57-11948 (1957), Lucinda Hopkins; Office of Vital Statistics, Frankfort.

84. “Mrs. Lucinda Hopkins,” *Wilmington (OH) News-Journal*, 18 May 1957, p. 10, col. 6; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 10 Jun 2022). Morrow Cemetery, (Salem Township, Warren Co., OH) James A. & Lucinda Hopkins marker.

85. KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services, death certificate no. 58-7949 (1958), Sarah Brock; Office of Vital Statistics, Frankfort. Old Creech Cemetery (Wallins Creek, Harlan Co., OH), Elijah & Sarah Brock marker, photographed by William B. Howard, 2017.

John Covey Hopkins



Left: John; Right: John H. and John

John, the first of James Arton and Lucinda Howard Hopkins's ten children, was named for his maternal grandfather, John Covey Howard.¹ He was born on 9 November 1886 in the Harlan County, Kentucky, community of Wallins Creek.²

In 1904, when John was seventeen years old, the family moved to Brodhead, Kentucky, in Rockcastle County.³ John attended Berea College in nearby Madison County prior to joining the U.S. Army, which he made his career.⁴ He first enlisted for three years on 27 January 1905 in Somerset, Kentucky, at age eighteen and was assigned to Company B of the 19th Infantry. John was described in military records as 5 feet 8 inches tall with brown eyes and hair and ruddy complexion.⁵

John spent several years stationed in the Philippine Islands in three separate deployments. He arrived there for the first time on 5 May 1905 and stayed two years. In 1906, he was involved in the Battle of Bud Dajo on Jolo Island from March 5th to 8th. He departed the Philippines on 9 May 1907 and arrived back in the United States on 8 June 1907. He apparently spent the rest of that enlistment in Texas and became a Corporal on 21 December 1907.⁶

He was discharged on 26 January 1908 at Fort Bliss, Texas, and re-enlisted there the next day for another three years.⁷ He became a Sergeant on 10 February 1908, was reduced to Private on 22 June 1909, appointed Corporal on 13 December 1909, and again became a Sergeant on 22 June 1910.⁸

John returned to the Philippines for a second time on 4 March 1910 and was stationed at Camp Jossman on Guimaras Island. He was discharged there on 26 January 1911 and re-enlisted the next day for another three years.⁹ He left the Philippines on 15 May 1912 and was discharged on 14 August 1912 at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.¹⁰ It is unclear why he was discharged after only one year, six months, and 28 days, rather than serving the three years for which he re-enlisted.

John likely returned home for a break between 14 August and late September. He arrived back in the Philippines for the third time on 3 October 1912. He re-listed the next day at Fort William McKinley, which was just south of Manila. He was assigned to Company M of the 13th Infantry. John was appointed 1st Sergeant on 1 November 1914. He had transferred to Company I of the 26th Infantry by the time he was discharged on 3 October 1915 at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, and again re-enlisted the day after his discharge.¹¹ He transferred to Company G of the 36th Infantry on 27 July 1916. John was discharged at Camp Funston, Leon Springs, Texas, on 5 June 1917 to accept a commission as Captain and re-enlisted on 6 June.¹²

While stationed in Texas, John married Idress Jane Howard on 3 November 1917 in Bexar County.¹³ Ida was born in Harlan County on 6 June 1894, the daughter of William Frye Howard and Mintie Laura Howard.¹⁴ Mintie Laura's mother was Cindy's sister, Idress, making John and Ida 1st cousins once removed.¹⁵ John and Ida did not live together for long. She returned to Harlan County, where she taught school until retiring.¹⁶

During World War I, John served in Europe for a year. On 20 June 1918, he sailed from New York City onboard the Harrisburg heading to England. He was assigned to the 357th Infantry, 90th Division.¹⁷ John and Ida's only child, John Howard Hopkins, was born in Layman in Harlan County two months later on 24 August.¹⁸ While in Europe, John was stationed in France and Germany and saw action between August and November 1918.¹⁹

John arrived at St. Mihiel salien on 24 August 1918 and participated in the St. Mihiel offensive on 12 September. That was the first major offensive in Europe led by the American Expeditionary Forces. St. Mihiel salient was a triangular area of land between Verdun and Nancy and had been occupied by the German army since 1914. By 16 September, this area of France was liberated from German occupation.²⁰

American forces moved on to a new front, participating in the Meuse-Argonne offensive starting on 26 September. This was part of the final Allied offensive in the war and was the largest operation of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I with over a million American soldiers participating. It was also the deadliest campaign in American history, resulting in more than 26,000 American soldiers killed in action and over 120,000 total casualties. John was there from 25 October until the signing of the Armistice on 11 November 1918. He was wounded on the night of 9-10 November at Mouzay, France.²¹

John remained in Europe until July 1919. He was stationed in Germany from 11 December 1918 to 8 July 1919 and in France from 10 July 1919 to 19 July 1919.²² He returned to the United States onboard the S. S. Zeppelin, sailing from Brest, France, on 19 July and arriving in Hoboken, New Jersey, ten days later.²³

Returning to Texas after arriving back in the United States, John was discharged on 31 October 1919 at Camp Travis and re-enlisted there on 1 Nov 1919. He was discharged to accept another appointment on 17 Sep 1920 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.²⁴

At some point, while their son was still a young child, John and Ida divorced. Ida raised their son in Harlan County. John never remarried, but Ida had a brief second marriage to Nathan Blanton.²⁵

Details about most of the remainder of John's service are not known, but he served another sixteen years. He was stationed in Buffalo, New York, in 1932 as a recruiter.²⁶ In July 1933, he was Commander for a Civilian Conservation Corps camp near San Diego, California.²⁷ He retired on 30 April 1936 with the rank of Major.²⁸

After he retired, John settled in Tampa, Florida. He had two houses there—the first at 802 East Hanna Avenue and the second at 1427 E. Paris Street.²⁹ His only sister, Lula, who was living with their parents at

that time, went to live with him in Florida.³⁰ They lived in the Hanna Avenue house from at least 1943 when their niece Edna married there until at least 1957.³¹ They moved to the Paris Street house by summer 1960.³²

John died on 4 March 1969 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa at age 82.³³ His funeral was held at the F. T. Blount Funeral Home with Rev. Kenneth G. Cave, pastor of the Otterbein United Methodist Church officiating. He was buried in Garden of Memories Cemetery in Tampa with full military honors accorded by MacDill Field.³⁴

Ida died on 3 March 1986 in Harlan County.³⁵ She was buried in the Howard Cemetery in Laymon.³⁶

John Howard Hopkins

John married Opal L. Burchett on 4 March 1939 in Coldiron in Harlan County.³⁷ Opal was born on 21 June 1920 in Bell County, Kentucky, to George Burchett and Bessie Jane Miller.³⁸

John and Opal had four children.³⁹ John died on 25 April 1970 in Lexington, Kentucky, and was buried in Howard Cemetery at Laymon.⁴⁰ Opal died on 19 February 2008 at her home in Coldiron and was buried in Howard Cemetery.⁴¹

Endnotes for John Covey Hopkins

1. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, “Our Family History” (KY, Loyall, 1969-1977), scanned copy of fill-in-the-blanks family history privately held by Linda F. McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY; Linda is Emma’s granddaughter; pg 10; birth order. Lula M. Hopkins (FL), letter to Jean Hopkins Carpenter, 25 Nov 1970; copy held privately by Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY; family information Lula was told by her mother Lucinda Howard Hopkins; middle name Covey, named for grandfather.
2. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, “Our Family History” (1969-1977); birthdate. Elmer Dennis Hopkins, son of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard; he and all siblings born before the move to Rockcastle were born at Wallins Creek.
3. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 20: 498-499, Joshua & S.Monie Dunn (grantor), J. A. Hopkins (grantee), 16 Mar 1904; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.
4. Patricia Hopkins Howard, granddaughter of John Covey Hopkins.
5. Army of the United States, Discharge Papers, Cpl. John Hopkins, 26 Jan 1908; scanned copy in possession of Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, scanned 1 Aug 2007 from original sent by John’s nephew Gerald G. Hopkins.
6. Army of the United States, Discharge Papers, Cpl. John Hopkins, 26 Jan 1908.
7. Army of the United States, Discharge Papers, Cpl. John Hopkins, 26 Jan 1908.
8. Army of the United States, Discharge Papers, Sgt. John Hopkins, 26 Jan 1911; scanned copy in possession of Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, scanned 1 Aug 2007 from original sent by John’s nephew Gerald G. Hopkins.
9. Army of the United States, Discharge Papers, Sgt. John Hopkins, 26 Jan 1911.
10. Army of the United States, Discharge Papers, Sgt. John Hopkins, 24 Aug 1912; scanned copy in possession of Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, scanned 1 Aug 2007 from original sent by John’s nephew Gerald G. Hopkins.
11. Honorable Discharge from the United States Army, 1st Sgt. John Hopkins, 3 Oct 1915; scanned copy in possession of Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, scanned 1 Aug 2007 from original sent by John’s nephew Gerald G. Hopkins.
12. Honorable Discharge from the United States Army, 1st Sgt. John Hopkins, 5 Jun 1917; scanned copy in possession of Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, scanned 1 Aug 2007 from original sent by John’s nephew Gerald G. Hopkins. Army of the United States of America, Discharge Papers, Maj. John Hopkins, 21 Oct 1919; scanned copy in possession of Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, scanned 1 Aug 2007 from original sent by John’s nephew Gerald G. Hopkins.
13. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004820210> : accessed 25 Sep 2022), digital film 004820210, image 591, Bexar Co., TX, Marriages, 12: 370, John C. Hopkins & Ida J. Howard, 13 Nov 1917.
14. “U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935–2014,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3693> : accessed 25 Sep 2022), entry for Ida Hopkins, Apr 1986, SS no. 402-72-4287; from Social Security Death Index Master File, Social Security Administration; birth date. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, “Our Family History” (1969-1977); Ida’s parents, pg. 49.
15. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, “Our Family History” (1969-1977); pg. 49.
16. 1920 U.S. census, Harlan Co., KY, population schedule, Layman, enumeration district (ED) 107, sheet 1A, dwelling 10, family 10, W. F. Howard; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061> : accessed 25 Sep 2022); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 574; Ida and one-year-old son living with her parents. “Ida Hopkins” clipping dated Mar 1986, *Harlan (KY) Daily Enterprise*, copy attached to Helton, Noe, Lankford & Gregory *Ancestry.com* tree by AlnmanMarlow; Ida’s obituary, she was a retired school teacher.
17. “U.S., Army Transport Service Arriving and Departing Passenger Lists, 1910–1939,” digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61174> : accessed 24 May 2022), Outgoing > Harrisburg > 22 Jul 1918-18 Oct 1920 > image 197, entry for John Hopkins; from Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774–1985, Record Group 92, NARA, College Park, MD.
18. Kentucky, U.S., Birth Index, 1911–1999, database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8788> : accessed 25 Sep 2022), birth certificate no. 37219 (1918), John H. Hopkins; from Kentucky Birth, Marriage, and Death Databases: Births 1911-1999, Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort; birth date. “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 25 Sep 2022), John Howard Hopkins, serial no. 130; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri; middle name.
19. Army of the United States of America, Discharge Papers, Maj. John Hopkins, 31 Oct 1919.
20. Army of the United States of America, Discharge Papers, Maj. John Hopkins, 31 Oct 1919; service dates and locations. “Saint-Mihiel Offensive,” *Library of Congress*, (<https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/september-12/> : accessed 19 May 2022); information about Saint-Mihiel Offensive.

21. Army of the United States of America, Discharge Papers, Maj. John Hopkins, 31 Oct 1919; service and wounded dates. "The Meuse-Argonne Offensive," National Archives, (<https://www.archives.gov/research/military/ww1/meuse-argonne> : accessed 19 May 2022); information about Meuse-Argonne Offensive.
22. Army of the United States of America, Discharge Papers, Maj. John Hopkins, 31 Oct 1919.
23. "U.S., Army Transport Service Arriving and Departing Passenger Lists, 1910–1939," digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61174> : accessed 24 May 2022), Incoming > Zeppelin > 20 Apr 1919–29 Jul 1919 > image 171, entry for John Hopkins; from Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774–1985, Record Group 92, NARA, College Park, MD.
24. Army of the United States of America, Discharge Papers, Maj. John Hopkins, 31 Oct 1919. Honorable Discharge from the United States Army, 1st Sgt. John Hopkins, 17 Sep 1920; scanned copy in possession of Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, scanned 1 Aug 2007 from original sent by John's nephew Gerald G. Hopkins.
25. Patricia Hopkins Howard, granddaughter of John Covey Hopkins.
26. "He'll Toot Horn for Uncle Sam" clipping with photo dated 24 Mar 1932, *Buffalo (NY) Times*; copy provided to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 1 Aug 2007, from Pat Hopkins Howard; identifies John as the local recruiting officer.
27. "CCC Camp Near San Diego, Cal.," unidentified clipping with photo from July 1933; copy provided to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 1 Aug 2007, from Pat Hopkins Howard; identifies Capt. John Hopkins as the Camp Commander.
28. "U.S., Select Military Registers, 1862–1985," digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2345> : accessed 24 May 2022), John Hopkins, 1945, pg 1228; Official Army Register, 1 Jan 1945, Adjutant General's Office, Oregon State Library, Salem.
29. 1945 FL state census, Hillsborough Co., FL, population census, Precinct 37, Sheet #36, John Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1506> : accessed 5 May 2022); from microfilm series S 1371, State Library and Archives of Florida, Tallahassee; address 802 East Hanna Ave.
30. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard.
31. Edna Hopkins and Aubrey Chesnut wedding, photograph, 19 Jun 1943; digital image scanned by Linda McCauley from Edna Hopkins Chesnut, 18 Jan 2008; Edna and Aubrey in front of Hanna Street house. "U.S. Telephone Directory Collection," digital image, *Library of Congress* (<https://www.loc.gov/> : accessed 27 Jun 2022), Tampa Florida White Pages & Yellow Pages, Aug 1957, image 80; Maj John Hopkins, p. 120; from LOC Preservation Microfilming Program, Telephone Directory, Tampa, Florida, Peninsular Telephone Company, Aug 1957; address Hanna St.
32. Family visiting John & Lula Hopkins, photograph, abt. 1960; digital image scanned by Linda McCauley from Edna Hopkins Chesnut, 18 Jan 2008; Edna, John, Lula, and others in front of Paris Street house.
33. FL Dept. of Health, death certificate no. 69-017112 (1969), John C. Hopkins; Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville.
34. "Major John C. Hopkins," *Tampa (FL) Tribune*, 7 Mar 1969, p. 21, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 18 May 2020).
35. "Kentucky, U.S., Death Index, 1911–2000," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3077> : accessed 26 Sep 2022), death certificate no. 6182 (1986), Ida H. Hopkins; from KY Dept. for Public Health, Frankfort.
36. Kathryn Howard Trail, *Cemeteries in Southwestern Harlan County, Kentucky; Fresh Meadows to the Bell County Line* (Louisville, KY; Trail's Enterprises, 1989).

Endnotes for John Howard Hopkins

37. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007731863> : accessed 26 Sep 2022), digital film 007731863, image 1093, Harlan Co., KY, Marriages, 118: 350, John Hopkins & Opal Burchett, 4 Mar 1939.
38. Kentucky, U.S., Birth Index, 1911–1999, database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8788> : accessed 25 Sep 2022), birth certificate no. 20678 (1920), Opal L. Burchett; from Kentucky Birth, Marriage, and Death Databases: Births 1911–1999, Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort; birth date and place.
39. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1969–1977); pg 11.
40. "John H. Hopkins," *Manchester (KY) Enterprise*, 3 May 1979; copy provided to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 30 Sep 2005, from Pat Hopkins Howard.
41. "Opal Hopkins," *Harlan Daily Enterprise*, (www.harlandaily.com : accessed 21 Feb 2008).

Henry Mattison Hopkins



Bessie and Henry

Henry Mattison Hopkins was born on 9 January 1889 in Wallins Creek, Kentucky, the second child of James Arton and Lucinda Howard Hopkins.¹ He was named for two of Cindy's brothers, Henry and Madison, although he spelled his middle name Mattison.²

When Henry was fifteen years old, the family moved to Rockcastle County, Kentucky.³ A few years later, he joined the U.S. Army and served for six years.⁴ He was a private stationed at Fort Thomas in Campbell County, Kentucky, when the 1910 U.S. census was taken.⁵ When Henry registered for the World War I draft on 5 June 1917, he was described as medium height and build with dark brown eyes and brown hair.⁶ Twenty-five years later, when he registered for the World War II draft, his description was five feet seven inches tall, 198 pounds, with brown eyes and hair, and a ruddy complexion.⁷

Henry worked as a barber when he married Bessie Hamlin on 1 May 1919 in Detroit, Michigan. Bessie was the daughter of Albert H. Hamlin and Mary Elizabeth Oliver.⁸ She was born on 29 July 1892 in North Carolina, but her family moved to Kentucky when she was a small child. The Hamblin's lived in Hazel Patch, a community in Laurel County, Kentucky, in 1900.⁹ By 1910, they had moved to Mt. Vernon in Rockcastle County and lived on Richmond Street.¹⁰

Although Henry and Bessie both lived in Detroit when they married, they returned to Kentucky and lived with his parents in Rockcastle County in 1920.¹¹ It is possible they moved with his parents to Warren County, Ohio, in late 1921, but they soon moved back to Detroit, where Henry worked as a streetcar driver. By 1923, they lived at 2656 Baker Street in Detroit.¹² They moved to 4403 8th Street in Ecorse, a suburb of Detroit, by 1925 and lived at that address in 1930, 1931, and 1933.¹³ In 1930, Bessie's nineteen year old niece, May Hamlin, lived with them along with male four roomers, who all worked in a steel mill.¹⁴ Henry and Bess lived at 1717 Campbell Avenue in 1934 and moved to 4322 W. Vernor Highway, Apartment 3, by 1935.¹⁵ In 1940, they lived at 1516 23rd Street.¹⁶

Henry and Bessie liked to travel. They did not have children but enjoyed entertaining family when they visited. Bessie had a Pekingese dog named Buddie. He had a raincoat and boots for when he had to go outside in the rain.¹⁷

Bessie died on 2 November 1972 in Redford, Michigan, a suburb on the north west side of Detroit, and was buried in Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.¹⁸

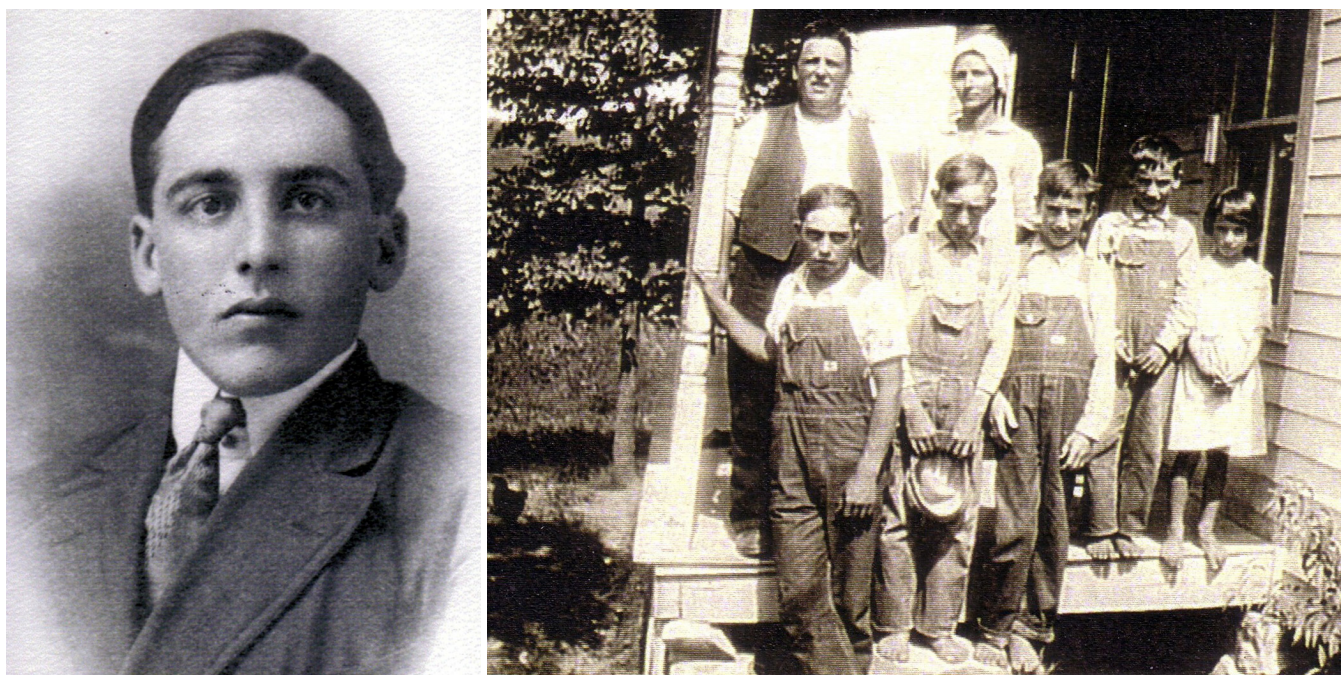
When Henry became unable to care for himself, he moved to a nursing home in Fenton, Michigan, near his brother Berry. Henry was ninety-five years old when he died of renal failure on 7 February 1984 at Hurley Medical Center in Flint.¹⁹ His funeral was held 9 Feb at Dodds-Dumanois-Pitts Funeral Home in Flint, with Reverend Clifford Furness officiating. Henry was buried beside Bessie in Grand Lawn Cemetery.²⁰

Endnotes for Henry Mattison Hopkins

1. MI Dept of Health and Human Services, death certificate no. D251 478 (1984), Henry M. Hopkins; MI Vital Records Office, Lansing; dob & parents. 1900 U.S. census, Harlan Co., KY, population schedule, Wallins Creek, enumeration district (ED) 54, p. 94A, dwelling 147, family 147, James Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 22 Aug 2009); from NARA microfilm T623, roll 525; Henry 2nd oldest child. Emma Taylor Hopkins, daughter-in-law of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard; birthplace Wallins Creek.
2. "U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1002> : accessed 20 Feb 2022), Henry Mattison Hopkins, serial no. 941; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri; Henry spelled middle name Mattison in signature. Jean Hopkins Carpenter (MI) to Linda McCauley, email, dated 14 May 2004; privately held by Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY; Jean shared information given to her by her aunt Lula M. Hopkins, daughter of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard; Lula noted Henry was named for two of their mother's brothers and spelled middle name Mattison.
3. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 20: 498-499, Joshua & S.Monie Dunn (grantor), J. A. Hopkins (grantee), 16 Mar 1904; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.
4. "U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6482> : accessed 30 Aug 2007), Henry Hopkins, serial no. 44, Rockcastle Co., KY; from U.S., World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, M1509, NARA, Washington, D.C.
5. 1910 U.S. census, Campbell Co., KY, population schedule, Ft. Thomas Military Post, enumeration district (ED) 49, sheet 14A, Company H Quarters, Henry Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 4 Jun 2005); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 466.
6. "U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918," Henry Hopkins, serial no. 44.
7. "U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942," Henry Mattison Hopkins, serial no. 941.
8. "Michigan, U.S., Marriage Records, 1867-1952," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/9093> : accessed 20 May 2022), Henry Hopkins and Bessie Hamlin, 1 May 1919, Detroit; MI Marriage Records 1867-1952, MI Dept. of Community Health, Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics. 1900 U.S. census, Laurel Co., KY, population schedule, Hazelpatch, enumeration district (ED) 157, p. 22A, dwelling 386, family 388, Albert H. Hamlin; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 6 Aug 2022); from NARA microfilm T623, roll 537; first name of father, was listed as A. H. in marriage record.
9. "Michigan, U.S., Death Index, 1971-1996," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3171> : accessed 12 May 2022), Bessie Hopkins, 1972, Wayne Co.; from Michigan Death Index, Dept. of Vital and Health Records, Lansing; birth date. 1900 U.S. census, Laurel Co., KY, pop. sch., Hazelpatch, ED 157, p. 22A, dwell. 386, fam. 388, Albert H. Hamlin; brother Luther was born abt 1894 in Kentucky; birth place, location in 1900.
10. 1910 U.S. census, Rockcastle Co., KY, population schedule, Mt. Vernon, enumeration district (ED) 97, sheet 1A, dwelling 1, family 1, Albert H. Hamlin; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 7 Aug 2022); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 500.
11. 1920 U.S. census, Rockcastle Co., KY, population schedule, South Brodhead, enumeration district (ED) 248, sheet 16A, dwelling 299, family 300, James A. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061> : accessed 22 Aug 2009); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 595.
12. Polk's Detroit City Directory 1923-24 (Detroit, MI: R. L. Polk & Co.), p. 1247, entry for Henry M. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 31 May 2021) > Michigan > Detroit > 1923 > Detroit, Michigan, City Directory, 1923> image 646.
13. Polk's Detroit City Directory 1925-26 (Detroit, MI: R. L. Polk & Co.), p. 1100, entry for Henry M. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 31 May 2021) > Michigan > Detroit > 1925 > Detroit, Michigan, City Directory, 1925> image 546. Polk's Wyandotte and River Rouge City Directory 1930 (Detroit, MI: R. L. Polk & Co.), p. 745, entry for Henry M. & Bessie A. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 31 May 2021) > Michigan > Detroit > 1930 > Wyandotte, Michigan, City Directory, 1930> image 384. Polk's Detroit City Directory 1931-32 (Detroit, MI: R. L. Polk & Co.), p. 857, entry for Henry M. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 31 May 2021) > Michigan > Detroit > 1931 > Detroit, Michigan, City Directory, 1931> image 447. Polk's Wyandotte and River Rouge City Directory 1933 (Detroit, MI: R. L. Polk & Co.), p. 616, entry for Henry M. & Bessie O. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 31 May 2021) > Michigan > Wyandotte > 1933 > Wyandotte, Michigan, City Directory, 1933 > image 321.

14. 1930 U.S. census, Wayne Co., MI, population schedule, Ecorse, enumeration district (ED) 82-913, sheet 8A, dwelling 141, family 148, H. M. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 30 Jan 2008); from NARA microfilm T626, roll 1071.
15. Polk's Detroit City Directory 1934 (Detroit, MI: R. L. Polk & Co.), p. 832, entry for Henry M. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 31 May 2021) > Michigan > Detroit > 1934 > Detroit, Michigan, City Directory, 1934 > image 413. Polk's Detroit City Directory 1935 (Detroit, MI: R. L. Polk & Co.), p. 915, entry for Henry M. & Bessie Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 31 May 2021) > Michigan > Detroit > 1935 > Detroit, Michigan, City Directory, 1935 > image 457.
16. 1940 U.S. census, Wayne Co., MI, population schedule, Detroit, enumeration district (ED) 84-597, sheet 5B, household 113, Henry Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442> : accessed 30 Jul 2012); from NARA microfilm 627, roll 1859.
17. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard.
18. "Michigan, U.S., Death Index, 1971-1996," Bessie Hopkins, 1972. *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 5 Jun 2022), memorial 218486681, for Bessie A. Hamlin Hopkins, (Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit, Wayne Co., MI), digital image, 22 Nov 2020, by PonemahPat.
19. MI Dept of Health and Human Services, death certificate no. D251 478 (1984), Henry M. Hopkins; MI Vital Records Office, Lansing.
20. "Henry M. Hopkins," *Flint (MI) Journal*, 8 Feb 1984, p. 36, col. 4; digital image, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 8 Aug 2022).

Elijah L. Hopkins



Left: Lige; Right: Front: Wade, Berl, John, Earl, Irene; Back: Lige, Leila Mae

Elijah L. Hopkins was born on 8 August 1890 in Wallins Creek, Kentucky.¹ He was the third of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard's ten children and was thirteen years old when the family moved from Harlan County to Rockcastle County, Kentucky.² Lige was the only one of Jim and Cindy's children who remained in Rockcastle County for the rest of his life.

In June 1912, Lige opened a barber shop at Pine Hill, a community in Rockcastle County between Mt. Vernon and Livingston.³ But he gave his occupation as farmer six months later when he completed an application to get married in Laurel County, Kentucky.⁴

Lige married Leila Mae Hunt on 30 December 1912 in London, Kentucky.⁵ She was the daughter of Frank Hunt and Nancy Chestnut, born on 22 January 1890 in Rockcastle County.⁶

Lige and Leila had six children, all born in Rockcastle County—Wade Waddell born on 11 March 1914, Berl Vollie born on 29 October 1915, John T. born on 8 April 1917, Lucinda Gladus born on 5 October 1918, Earl Paris born on 31 October 1920, and Edith Irene born on 29 December 1922.⁷

On 26 February 1913, Lige bought twenty-five and a half acres from M. J. and Susie Miller for \$50 and other valuable considerations. This property was in the Maretburg community in Rockcastle County on Double Springs Branch.⁸ Lige sold that property to Al Killion on 1 December 1913 for \$350.⁹

Lige bought 84 acres in the Copper Creek area of Rockcastle County from John and Mary Boyd on 17 October 1914 for \$800.¹⁰ Where they lived during the ten months between selling their previous property and buying this one is unknown. They lived at Copper Creek for over four years and sold that property to E. L. Brock on 21 January 1919 for \$1,750.¹¹

From Copper Creek, Lige and Leila Mae moved to a small farm on the waters of Boone's Fork near Lige's parents. That property, bought from George and Nora Clontz for \$2,000 on 16 August 1919, was about 35 acres.¹² Again, there was a gap of several months between selling one property and buying another.

In 1920, they were listed 16 households away from Jim and Cindy on Boone's Highway in South Brodhead.¹³ They sold that property on 28 December 1923 for \$2,000 to Cleveland and Martha Simpson.¹⁴

It was more than a year before Lige bought another property on 13 March 1925. They paid \$1,500 to Elijah and Maud Helton for 160 acres at Maretburg. While it is unclear exactly where they lived during those fifteen months between selling their previous place and buying this one, they lived at Maretburg at the time of the purchase.¹⁵ Lige and Leila May lived on this property for the rest of their lives, although they sold off a few small tracts over the years.¹⁶

Lige and Leila Mae both died at the Rockcastle County Baptist Hospital in Mt. Vernon.¹⁷ Leila Mae died on 5 February 1970. Her funeral was held on 7 February at Sparks Funeral Home Chapel in Mt. Vernon with Revs. Dennis Falb and Clarence Mounce officiating.¹⁸ Lige died of cardiac arrest on 14 May 1975.¹⁹ His funeral was held at Dowell and Martin Funeral Home Chapel (formerly Sparks Funeral Home) on 17 May.²⁰ Lige and Leila Mae were both buried in Maretburg Cemetery.²¹

Wade Waddell Hopkins

Wade married Delcie Delora Dash on 3 January 1934 in Mt. Vernon.²² Dee was born on 16 July 1912 in Harlan County, the daughter of Charles Dash and Sarah Tipton.²³

Wade owned and operated Hopkins Machine Shop. Wade and Dee had one son and were members of the West Brodhead Church of God. Dee died on 19 August 1978, and Wade died on 12 November 1990. They both died at Rockcastle Hospital in Mt. Vernon and were buried in Maretburg Cemetery.²⁴

Berl Vollie Hopkins

Berl married Anna Ruth Stanley on 6 September 1944.²⁵ Ruth was born on 18 September 1929 in Rockcastle County to C. E. Stanley and Lula Jane Owens.

Berl worked for Parker Hannifin Corporation as a mould maker and machine designer. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran. Berl and Ruth lived in Rockcastle County and had two children. They were members of the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon. Berl died at home in Mt. Vernon on 28 October 2007. Ruth died on 8 October 2017 at Lexington Country Place in Lexington, Kentucky. They were buried in Maretburg Cemetery.²⁶

John T. Hopkins

John married Flora Bell Blackburn, daughter of Charles Blackburn and Bessie Nicely. Flora was born on 12 October 1920 in Rockcastle County. John retired from the Parker Seal Company and was a veteran of World War II. They had one daughter and were members of the Mt. Vernon Pentecostal Church. John died on 19 May 1990 at Humana Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. Flora died on 27 June 2003 at Rockcastle Hospital in Mt. Vernon. They were buried in Maretburg Cemetery.²⁷

Lucinda Gladus Hopkins

Lucinda Gladus died on the day she was born, 5 October 1918 in Rockcastle County. She lived only fourteen hours after her premature birth. She was buried at Copper Creek, where her parents lived at the time, but the name of the cemetery is unknown.²⁸

Earl Paris Hopkins

Earl married Geraldine Carmack, daughter of Charles Carmack and Stella Baldwin. Geraldine was born on 22 June 1924 in Rockcastle County. They lived in Lexington, Kentucky, and had five children. Earl was a World War II veteran and part owner of the Hopkins Tool and Die Company in Lexington. Earl died on 15 August 1980 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. Geraldine died on 22 July 1993 at Humana Hospital in Lexington. They were both buried in Maretburg Cemetery.²⁹

Edith Irene Hopkins

Irene lived in Rockcastle County and worked as a seamstress at a factory in Danville, Kentucky. She did not drive but carpooled with a group of other Rockcastle Countians who worked there. Irene never married and did not have children. She died on 20 December 2008 at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead and was buried in Maretburg Cemetery.³⁰

Endnotes for Elijah L. Hopkins

1. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1969-1977); pg 10, birthdate. Elmer Dennis Hopkins, son of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard; he and all siblings born before the move to Rockcastle were born at Wallins Creek.
2. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1969-1977); pg 10, birth order. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 20: 498-499, Joshua & S.Monie Dunn (grantor), J. A. Hopkins (grantee), 16 Mar 1904; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.
3. "Brodhead," *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 28 Jun 1912, p. 1, col. 6; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 10 Jun 2022); Elijah Hopkins barber. "Brodhead," *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 5 Jul 1912, p. 2, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 10 Jun 2022); E. L. Hopkins barber.
4. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/005560905> : accessed 26 Sep 2022), digital film 005560905, image 392, Laurel Co., KY, Marriages, 28: 143, E. L. Hopkins & Leila Mae Hunt, 30 Dec 1912.
5. *FamilySearch*, digital film 005560905, image 392, Laurel Co., KY, E. L. Hopkins & Leila Mae Hunt.
6. "Mrs. Hopkins Dies After Long Illness," *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 12 Feb 1970, p. 7, col. 8; digital image, *Rockcastle County Public Library* (<https://signal.rockcastlelibrary.org> : accessed 7 Oct 2022), *Mount Vernon Signal Archives*.
7. "Wade Hopkins," *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 15 Nov 1990, p. B6, col. 4; digital image, *Rockcastle County Public Library* (<https://signal.rockcastlelibrary.org> : accessed 7 Oct 2022), *Mount Vernon Signal Archives*; Wade's birth date and place. Judy Hopkins Marsh, daughter of Berl V. Hopkins; confirmed Wade's middle name. "U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 7 Oct 2022), Berl Vollie Hopkins, serial no. 393; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926-1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri; Berl's full name, birth date, and birth place. "U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 8 Oct 2022), John T. Hopkins, serial no. 1360; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926-1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri; John T's birth date and place. "Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852-1965," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222> : accessed 21 Dec 2008), death certificate no. 30830 (1918), Lucinda Gladus Hopkins; from microfilm 7016130-7041803, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort; Lucinda Gladus's birth date and place. Kentucky, U.S., Birth Index, 1911-1999, database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8788> : accessed 8 Oct 2022), birth certificate no. 53744 (1920), Earl P. Hopkins; from Kentucky Birth, Marriage, and Death Databases: Births 1911-1999, Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort; Earl's birth date and place. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1969-1977); pg 10, Earl's middle name Paris. "Edith Irene Hopkins," *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 25 Dec 2008, p. A5, col. 2; digital image, *Rockcastle County Public Library* (<https://signal.rockcastlelibrary.org> : accessed 7 Oct 2022), *Mount Vernon Signal Archives*; Irene's full name, birth date, and birth place.
8. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 28: 559-560, M. J. & Susie Miller (grantor), E. L. Hopkins (grantee), 26 Feb 1913; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.
9. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 29: 542-543, E. L. & Lelia Hopkins (grantor), Al Killion (grantee), 1 Dec 1913; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.
10. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 31: 10-12, John & Mary Boyd (grantor), Elijah Hopkins (grantee), 17 Oct 1914; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.
11. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 38: 30-32, E. L. and Leila May Hopkins (grantor), E. L. Brock (grantee), 21 Jan 1919; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.
12. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 38: 448-450, George & Nora Clontz (grantor), E. L. Hopkins (grantee), 16 Aug 1919; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.
13. 1920 U.S. census, Rockcastle Co., KY, population schedule, South Brodhead, enumeration district (ED) 248, sheet 17A, dwelling 315, family 316, Elijah Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061> : accessed 22 Aug 2009); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 595.
14. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 44: 565-566, E. L. & Lela Mae Hopkins (grantor), Cleveland & Martha Simpson (grantee), 28 Dec 1923; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.
15. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 47: 14, Elijah & Maud Helton (grantor), Elijah & Lela Hopkins (grantee), 13 Mar 1925; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.
16. Linda Faye McCauley, great-granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard; personal knowledge of where they lived. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 57: 385, E. L. & Lelia May Hopkins (grantor), W. D. & Mary Payne (grantee), 18 Jan 1939; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 58: 630, E. L. & Leila Mae Hopkins (grantor), Wade

Hopkins (grantee), 15 Mar 1938; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 63: 452, E. L. & Lela Mae Hopkins (grantor), Lee & Birdie Gregory (grantee), 16 Apr 1945; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.

17. “Mrs. Hopkins Dies After Long Illness,” *Mt. Vernon Signal*, 12 Feb 1970. KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services, death certificate no. 75-12974 (1975), Elijah L. Hopkins; Office of Vital Statistics, Frankfort.

18. “Mrs. Hopkins Dies After Long Illness,” *Mt. Vernon Signal*, 12 Feb 1970.

19. KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services, death certificate no. 75-12974 (1975), Elijah L. Hopkins.

20. “Elijah L. Hopkins Dies After Long Illness,” *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 22 May 1975, p. 4, col. 8; digital image, *Rockcastle County Public Library* (<https://signal.rockcastlelibrary.org> : accessed 7 Oct 2022), *Mount Vernon Signal Archives*.

21. Maretburg Cemetery (Rockcastle Co., KY), Elijah L. & Leila Mae Hopkins marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 13 Jun 2008.

Endnotes for Wade Waddell Hopkins

22. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/004263520> : accessed 8 Oct 2022), digital film 004263520, image 1486, Rockcastle Co., KY, Marriages, 49: 22, Wade Hopkins & Delora Dash, 3 Jan 1934.

23. “Delora Hopkins,” *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 24 Aug 1978, p. 11, col. 4; digital image, *Rockcastle County Public Library* (<https://signal.rockcastlelibrary.org> : accessed 7 Oct 2022), *Mount Vernon Signal Archives*.

24. “Wade Hopkins,” *Mt. Vernon Signal*, 15 Nov 1990. “Delora Hopkins,” *Mt. Vernon Signal*, 24 Aug 1978.

Endnotes for Berl Vollie Hopkins

25. Maretburg Cemetery (Rockcastle Co., KY), Berl Vollie and Ruth Stanley Hopkins marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 13 Jun 2008; marriage date. *Dowell & Martin Funeral Home* (<https://dowellmartin.com> : accessed 8 Oct 2022), Anna Ruth Hopkins, obituary; Ruth’s full name

26. *Dowell & Martin Funeral Home* (<https://dowellmartin.com> : accessed 8 Oct 2022), Anna Ruth Hopkins, obituary. “Berl V. Hopkins,” *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 1 Nov 2007, p. A3, col. 1; digital image, *Rockcastle County Public Library* (<https://signal.rockcastlelibrary.org> : accessed 7 Oct 2022), *Mount Vernon Signal Archives*.

Endnotes for John T. Hopkins

27. “Hopkins,” *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 24 May 1990, p. A4, col. 4; digital image, *Rockcastle County Public Library* (<https://signal.rockcastlelibrary.org> : accessed 7 Oct 2022), *Mount Vernon Signal Archives*. “Flora Hopkins,” *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 3 Jul 2003, p. A3, col. 2; digital image, *Rockcastle County Public Library* (<https://signal.rockcastlelibrary.org> : accessed 7 Oct 2022), *Mount Vernon Signal Archives*.

Endnotes for Lucinda Gladus Hopkins

28. “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” death certificate no. 30830 (1918), Lucinda Gladus Hopkins.

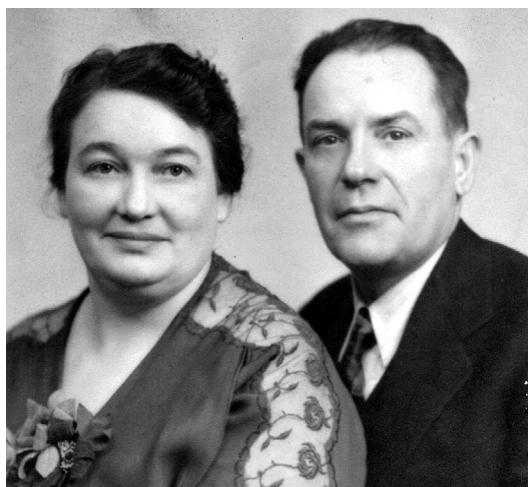
Endnotes for Earl Paris Hopkins

29. “Earl P. Hopkins,” *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 21 Aug 1980, p. 12, col. 1; digital image, *Rockcastle County Public Library* (<https://signal.rockcastlelibrary.org> : accessed 7 Oct 2022), *Mount Vernon Signal Archives*. “Hopkins,” *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 29 Jul 1993, p. B7, col. 1; digital image, *Rockcastle County Public Library* (<https://signal.rockcastlelibrary.org> : accessed 7 Oct 2022), *Mount Vernon Signal Archives*.

Endnotes for Edith Irene Hopkins

30. “Edith Irene Hopkins,” *Mt. Vernon Signal*, 25 Dec 2008. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard.

Elmer Dennis Hopkins and Emma Ewers Taylor



When Emma was eleven years old, her older sister got married at the family home in Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, and everyone cried. Emma decided right then that she would elope when she got married to avoid all that crying. Nine years later, on 11 October 1920, Emma Ewers Taylor and Elmer Dennis Hopkins eloped to Jellico, Tennessee.¹

Elmer worked for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad (L&N) out of Corbin, Kentucky. Emma worked as an assistant cashier and bookkeeper for Peoples Bank in Mt. Vernon. She went home for lunch that day, but instead of returning to work, she and Elmer took a taxi to nearby Wildie to catch the train to Jellico. They did not want to take a chance of someone seeing them board the train in Mt. Vernon.²

A justice of the peace performed the ceremony in a furniture store with just one witness.³ Emma wore a blue suit with a white beaded georgette blouse.⁴ Afterward, Emma and Elmer had supper at a hotel in Jellico, then caught the train to Corbin, where Elmer had already bought a house. Emma left a special delivery letter to be delivered to her mother about the time she would have gotten home from work. She told her she would be married by the time she read it. Her younger brother told her later that there was “weeping and wailing,” and Emma was glad she missed that.⁵

Her mother sent a letter the next day inviting them to come for a visit. On the third day of their honeymoon, Emma and Elmer went to Mt. Vernon. Her mother cooked a big supper and had a nice cake, and Emma appreciated that no one cried.⁶ Elmer always claimed he asked John Taylor to forgive him for running off to marry his daughter and promised, if forgiven, he would never do it again.⁷ The next day, they visited Elmer’s family at Gum Sulphur, near Brodhead, before returning to their new home in Corbin.⁸

Emma had bought sheets, linens, and other household items ahead of time and kept them hidden at the bank. She bought a trunk to take her things home with her and later moved her piano.⁹

Emma

Emma was born on 24 October 1900 at her parent's home near Fairground Hill on West Main Street in Mt. Vernon.¹⁰ She was the first child born to John Cook Taylor and his third wife, Emma Jane Owens. John had two daughters, Gracie and Susie, and one son, Bill, from previous marriages. Emma's brother Hartford was born in 1905 and her sister Anna Rose in 1918.¹¹

When Emma was two years old, she fell out a door and landed on a sharp ax, cutting a big gash in her hip. There were no hospitals, and the local doctor was not nearby. Emma Jane took her to an old neighbor woman who poured turpentine in the gash and filled it with brown sugar to stop the bleeding. This worked, and Emma's hip healed.¹²

Home remedies were common during Emma's childhood. Her mother would give a spoonful of sugar with coal oil in it to stop the croup. She also believed in wearing a little sack of asafetida around your neck to keep diseases away. Emma remembered being teased by kids at school because of the potent smell.¹³

Emma started school at seven, attending Mt. Vernon Graded and High School, also known as the free or county school. She finished the 3rd grade that year. Her teacher was Miranda McKenzie, and Emma claimed she was the teacher's pet. The next year, her teacher was Mrs. Mat Ballard, whom Emma didn't like as much. One day, Mrs. Ballard made her stay in during lunch, which did not set well with her father. He enrolled Emma in a "pay" school being taught by Miss Ida Mae Adams. Emma attended that school for two years before returning to Mt. Vernon Graded and High School.¹⁴

When she was nine years old, Emma took pneumonia. She was very sick, and the family even thought she might die. Her father would bring her a present every day while she was sick. Since there were few toys in those days, her gifts included a sugar bowl, cream pitcher, and a woman's purse.¹⁵

During Emma's childhood, the family moved several times in and around Mt. Vernon. In 1905, they moved from the house where she was born to a large two-story house in the center of town. Around 1911, they moved back to West Main Street to a house across the street from their previous house. They next lived in a house on Crawford Street, behind what is now the Rockcastle County School Board building. That house burned before 1920.¹⁶ After the fire, they moved in with Susie and her family on West Main Street.¹⁷ From there, they moved to a two-family house down the street from Susie and across the street from the First Christian Church.¹⁸

Emma played with dolls until she was 12 years old. She named her favorites Theodocia and Doris. She also enjoyed singing and always wanted a piano or organ. Emma would put a chair in front of her and pretend to play the piano for hours at a time. When she was a teenager, her mother bought her a second hand organ. Emma Jane sewed for a girl who gave Emma lessons in return.¹⁹

Emma enjoyed visiting family as a child. She never knew her Taylor grandparents, who died before she was born. But her Aunt Lou, Aunt Nannie, and Uncle Bob lived in their house near Renfro Valley, and she visited them often. She remembered that Aunt Lou was an excellent cook and had soft feather beds.²⁰

Emma only had a short time with her grandmother Owens, who died when she was about eight years old, but her grandfather Owens lived until she was nineteen. Emma loved spending time at her Uncle Dave and Aunt Ida Owens's house at Freedom, because they had five daughters, Sallie, Ollie, Myrtle, Mary Ellen, and Dolly. They would have candy-pulling parties when she visited them.²¹

Emma was always an excellent student. She graduated from high school at age sixteen, always made As, and was the youngest person in her class. Some of her classes were Latin, French, algebra, geometry, botany,

physics, chemistry, English, history, and domestic science (home economics). She went through high school without missing a day or even being tardy.²²

Emma wanted to be a teacher, but at sixteen, she was not old enough to take the exam. College was not a requirement for teaching, but anyone interested had to pass the teacher's examination. Some people went to normal school after high school to prepare for the exam, but Emma was sure she could pass it as soon as she was old enough. In the meantime, she went to work at the Mt. Vernon Post Office.²³

As soon as she was old enough, Emma took and passed the teacher's exam, scoring a first-class certificate. She started teaching school in July 1918 at Maywood in neighboring Lincoln County before she was eighteen years old. Her father hired someone with an old rattletrap car to take her to Lincoln County.²⁴

To be close to the school, Emma boarded with a local family named Jackson from Michigan. Emma paid them \$12 a month for room and board. They had five children and a nice house. They also had a Victrola and records for entertainment. Emma's room was a "davenport" in the parlor. It took Emma a while to adjust to Mrs. Jackson's cooking, such as green beans cooked in milk, which differed from what her mother fixed at home.²⁵

Emma walked to the school from the Jackson's house. On her first day, the school trustee went with her to introduce her to the students, who covered first through eighth grades. Emma described the schoolhouse as dismal looking. It was one room with two outside toilets. Besides teaching, her responsibilities included cleaning and building a fire, and she earned \$48 a month. The boys would bring kindling and carry in coal. They also carried water in a bucket, and everyone drank from the same dipper. There was a long seat in the front for recitations. Some old pictures, a flag, and a quart jar for flowers were the décor of the room, but there was no paint on the walls. Emma had a little bell that she bought for 25¢.²⁶

While she was teaching school, Emma bought a piano, which was one of her most prized possessions. She took lessons for about three months and learned to play songs like "Home Sweet Home," "Syncopated Time," and "The March of the Sleepy Heads."²⁷

As the World War ended in the fall of 1918, the influenza pandemic was getting started and would last through the next spring. In Feb 1919, the schools closed, and Emma returned home. She never taught full time again, although she later did some substitute teaching after her children were in school.²⁸

When Emma returned home from Lincoln County, she went back to work at the post office. Many people were suffering from the flu, including the postmaster. The assistant postmaster had left for the Navy, so Emma ended up running the post office alone at eighteen years old. People would come in to get their mail and die within a day or two. Somehow, Emma avoided taking the flu that killed 675,000 people in the U.S. and 50 million people worldwide.²⁹

Elmer

Elmer was born on 2 April 1894 in Wallins Creek, Kentucky, to James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard.³⁰ Jim and Cindy had nine other children.³¹ When Elmer was about seven years old, the family moved from Harlan County to a farm near Brodhead in Rockcastle County.³² The Hopkins children, including Elmer, attended Red Bud School, which was on Rose Hill Road about three miles from their house.³³ Elmer only went to school a few years, probably not more than 5th grade.³⁴

Elmer joined the U.S. Army on 4 December 1911 at Middlesboro, Kentucky, and served three years. He served in Troop E of the 15th Cavalry Regiment. In January 1914, he took part in interning the Mexican

Federal Army at Ft. Bliss, Texas, after Pancho Villa and his army drove them out of Ojinaga, Mexico. Elmer received an honorable discharge on 3 December 1914 at Ft. Bliss.³⁵

On 15 December 1915, Elmer went to work for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad (L&N) out of Corbin.³⁶ In January 1918, the Cumberland River flooded in Harlan and Bell counties where L&N ran hauling coal out of the mountains. On the 28 January, engine 1302 and her crew ended up in the river. Elmer was the middle brakeman on that crew. Over 100 years later, L&N Magazine published “Thirteen-Two’s in the River at Tremont!...” describing the wreck.³⁷

“As the train crawled around a sharp right-hand curve near Tremont, the engine, tender, and two or three cars rolled over into the rampaging river on the fireman’s side. Bathed in the oil headlight’s dim beam, the track had appeared passable. Tragically, the riverbank and roadbed beneath it had been hidden by the rushing, relentless water and had severely eroded away.”³⁸

Elmer had been riding in the caboose but had traded places with the head brakeman at Wallins to allow him to dry out in the caboose. Elmer almost drowned and suffered a broken leg, but he got out a window and swam to safety. The fireman, Bob Hocker, was pinned in the wreckage and drowned. The rest of the six-man crew survived.³⁹

Less than four months later, Elmer joined the U.S. Army for a second time. He was inducted on 24 May 1918 at Mt. Vernon. He was stationed in France from 6 August 1918 to 28 May 1919.⁴⁰ Elmer returned from France in May 1919, sailing on the 18th from St. Nazaire onboard the U.S.S. Henry R. Mallory. The ship arrived in Brooklyn, New York, on the 28th.⁴¹ He received a second honorable discharge on 12 June 1919 at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky, and returned to work for L&N.⁴²

Elmer & Emma

The house Elmer bought in Corbin was on Bryant Street, in the part of Corbin that is in Knox County. The four-room house had shade trees in the yard and a garden. Elmer furnished it before their wedding with a dining table, six chairs, a rocker, kitchen cabinet, cook stove, bed, and dresser. After the wedding, they bought a couch, living room chair, rugs, a washstand, and a few other things. They had that dining room table for the rest of their lives.⁴³

Emma claimed she could not boil water when she got married, even though her mother was a wonderful cook. She took a cookbook with her when she left Mt. Vernon to get married. The first biscuits she ever made were hard as rocks, but Elmer bragged about them. Emma credited him with teaching her how to do plain cooking, and she learned more from cookbooks.⁴⁴

While they lived in Corbin, Elmer had to work out of Cumberland for a short time. They took a few things and set up “light housekeeping” there for six months, then returned to Corbin.⁴⁵

The first of their four daughters, Edna Ewers, was born on 28 August 1921 at Emma’s parents’ home in Mt. Vernon. They moved to Shonn (now Loyall) in Harlan County, Kentucky, in February 1924 and their second daughter, Ruby Marie, was born there on 26 February.⁴⁶

When they moved to Shonn, the streets were pure mud. They moved their things on the train and then hauled them in a wagon to their house. There were no telephones, but the grocery man would come to the house to take orders and then deliver the groceries later in the day in a wagon. The family moved three times before building a house on the southwest corner of Johnie and Mapother Streets. They moved into their new house in Apr 1925.⁴⁷

A few months later, Ruby died on 28 October after being sick for fourteen days with diphtheria and scarlet fever.⁴⁸ Ruby was buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Mt. Vernon.⁴⁹

After Ruby's death, they moved back to their house in Corbin in December 1925. Elmer and Emma's third child, Helen Virginia, was born there the next year.⁵⁰ They stayed in Corbin until June 1927, when they returned to Shonn and the house on Johnie Street.⁵¹ Their fourth and last child, Uta Faye, was born in Shonn in 1930.⁵²

All four children were born at home. A doctor came to the house and stayed several hours for the deliveries. Two or three neighbor woman came in to help the doctor, who charge \$25.00. Emma had someone stay with her a month before and after each child was born. She said she believed in being waited on then.⁵³

When the girls were little, Emma bought a sewing machine, learned to sew, and made most of their clothes. Sometimes she would be in a hurry to finish a dress. Instead of putting in a zipper, she would sew the dress up on one of them and finish it later. She also raised a sizeable garden every summer and canned 400-500 quarts of vegetables and kept a cow and bees for milk and honey.⁵⁴

On 18 December 1932, Elmer bought a seventy-five acre farm with a small house at Buckeye, about a mile and a half from Mt. Vernon.⁵⁵ He bought the farm for Emma's parents.⁵⁶ Elmer bought two pieces of property in Mt. Vernon in 1938. One property ran from Highway 150 up Town Hill.⁵⁷ Elmer had five small rent houses built on Town Hill. About 1952, he had a service station built on the lot fronting Hwy 150 and talked his son-in-law David McCauley into moving from Louisville to Mt. Vernon to run it.⁵⁸ The other property was on West Main Street, across the street from First Christian Church.⁵⁹ That property had two duplexes, which he also rented. Emma's parents had lived in one of the duplexes around 1920, renting from the previous owner. When Emma's father's health deteriorated in the 1940s, Elmer sold the Buckeye farm and moved the Taylors back to one of the duplexes. Emma's mother collected the rent from both properties for him until she died in 1968.⁶⁰

In 1935 and 1936, Elmer was sick for about eighteen months and could not work.⁶¹ Doctors could not determine what was wrong with him, but his appendix eventually ruptured. He spent a long time at the hospital in London, Kentucky. Doctors were not sure he would survive, but he recovered and returned to work at L&N.⁶²

Emma took and passed the postmaster test and on 4 March 1937 received an appointment as postmaster for Loyall.⁶³ With her commission signed on 31 March, Emma assumed charge of the post office on 4 April.⁶⁴ She remained in that job until September 1941.⁶⁵ During that time, her sister Gracie lived with the family to take care of the girls while Emma worked.⁶⁶ This was the first time since her marriage that Emma had worked outside her home. She later ran a restaurant near the Loyall school for a year, substitute taught for several years, and kept books for a mine they had part-ownership in for about three years in the 1940s.⁶⁷

The United States had remained neutral in the War in Europe that started in 1939 until Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on 7 Dec 1941. By early 1942, rationing began. Emma had worried that rationing might happen months before it did. She bought supplies of dried beans, sugar, and flour, which she stored in lard cans hidden behind the piano.⁶⁸

When the girls were growing up, the family traveled in the summers to visit family. Elmer's parents had moved to Blanchester, Ohio, about 1923 and all of his siblings, except Lige, left Kentucky. His brothers Lum and Grant lived near their parents in Ohio and brothers Henry and Berry lived in Detroit and Flint, Michigan. After his brother John retired from the U.S. Army, he and their sister Lula lived in Tampa, Florida. Elmer's brother Doc and Emma's brother Hartford both lived in Chicago. Emma and the girls went to the

Chicago World's Fair in both 1933 and 1934. They also made trips to Niagara Falls, St. Louis, Missouri, and Canada.⁶⁹

Since Elmer worked for the L&N, the family could get passes to ride the train. Emma and the girls would take the train to Mt. Vernon to visit her parents or to Louisville to shop. Some of those trips to visit family in Chicago, Detroit, and Tampa were made by train. Sometimes they took longer trips, including one to New Orleans when they slept in Pullman berths. Other train trips Emma took included Washington, D.C., Boston, New York, and Portland, Maine.⁷⁰

Emma joined the Loyall Church of Christ in 1930 and taught the Senior Ladies' Sunday School Class for 25 years. She was also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary at the church for many years.⁷¹

Elmer became a Jehovah's Witness in 1937.⁷² He traveled around the country to attend many of the church's annual conventions. Sometimes he took the whole family. Emma and the girls were not interested in spending all day at the convention center listening to the program. They would skip out to go shopping and sight-seeing and meet up with Elmer later, giving him the impression they had been there all day.⁷³

In June 1940, Elmer and five other area Jehovah's Witnesses were arrested in Harlan County and charged with sedition. They were held on bonds fixed at \$10,000 each for distributing un-American literature, which promoted the religion's tenets against saluting the flag and in favor of a theocratic government. If convicted, the charges provided for prison terms of up to twenty-one years, fines up to \$10,000, or both. The other five arrested were S. F. Lehman and M. L. Lehman of Bell County and L. E. Carr, Louis Beeler, and Elihu Hurst of Harlan. The defense's legal team included attorneys from Brooklyn, Atlanta, Cincinnati, and Harlan.⁷⁴

Elmer was released on bond, but was again arrested on 11 July. This arrest, on similar charges, followed a door-to-door campaign on 6 July distributing literature published by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York across the city.⁷⁵ These charges were dismissed on 2 August, but he remained under \$10,000 bond for the original charges.⁷⁶

The defense filed a petition asking the Court of Appeals to free the men, declaring they had been unlawfully held to the grand jury. On 30 July, the Court of Appeals in Frankfort, Kentucky, ruled it lacked jurisdiction to interfere with the jailing of the group. Charges brought before the court included that the six men had been threatened with mob violence and re-arrest again and again. Two attorneys had already withdrawn from the case because of threats. Elmer and Hurst had made bond, but the other four remained in jail. The two attorneys who appeared before the court asking for immediate release of the men said they had also been threatened with being thrown in jail. They insisted their clients had been preaching only the kingdom of God and did not advocate violence or opposition to the government. The Appeals Court recommended they ask the Circuit Judge for an injunction to prevent re-arrests and advised they could return to them if they did not get it.⁷⁷

The grand jury in Harlan County returned indictments against all six on 22 August. Each man's bond was reduced to \$5,000. Their cases were added to the docket for a special term of circuit court to begin on 6 September, but they were never brought to trial.⁷⁸

A preliminary hearing was held in Federal District Court on 21 September 1940 on a complaint brought by the defense. A tentative date of 19 October was set for a three-judge court to hear their request that the sedition law under which they were indicted be declared void. The complaint also asked for an injunction preventing further interference with the distribution of their literature. The complaint asserted that the plaintiffs had been arrested and held on excessive bail for distributing books, magazines and pamphlets designed to further their cause.⁷⁹

On 30 November 1940, Harlan County and state officials agreed before a three-judge federal court in London, Kentucky, to suspend prosecution of the six Jehovah's Witnesses. They reached this agreement after a three-day hearing on a petition filed by the six questioning the constitutionality of the state's anti-sedition law. The court granted the men permission to return to Harlan County and continue distributing their literature in public places. In return, the men agreed to stop making house-to-house calls unless invited.⁸⁰

The three-judge court handed down their final ruling on this matter on 4 June 1941. Their opinion enjoined and restrained Harlan County law enforcement and court officers from arresting, imprisoning, or prosecuting these six men and any other Jehovah's Witnesses on charges that publications of the sect constituted sedition. The judges stated the publications circulated by the Jehovah's Witnesses in Harlan County did not violate any law, statute, or ordinance of the State of Kentucky. They said the plaintiffs and all others may distribute the sect's materials in a peaceable and orderly manner. The ruling further stated that the men were not guilty of sedition under Chapter 100 of the Acts of the Legislature of Kentucky, as charged by the Harlan officials. Since the statute did not apply in this case, the court felt no necessity to rule on its constitutionality.⁸¹

Edna married Aubrey E. Chesnut, Jr. on 19 June 1943 in Tampa, Florida, where Aubrey was stationed in the U.S. Army. Emma and Edna took the train to Tampa for the wedding, which was held at Elmer's brother John's home. Emma returned home on the train by herself and said she cried all the way.⁸²

Over the years, Elmer and Emma had several cars. The first three were a 1925 Model T Ford, a 1927 Dodge Touring, and a 1930 Erskine Sedan. Other cars included two more Fords, two Pontiacs, a Buick, a Chevrolet, a Plymouth, and a Volkswagen.⁸³

In the summer of 1949, Elmer bought a new Ford at a dealer in Harlan. He called home and told Faye that if she would catch the bus to Harlan, she could be the first one to drive it. And she did. Elmer made a big production of presenting Emma, Helen, and Faye with a key to the new car. The next day, after he went to work, Emma was going to drive the new car to the grocery. But when she and the girls got to the garage, they discovered Elmer had put a new padlock on the door and none of them had that key. Not to be outdone, Emma broke the lock with a hammer. She got a key to the next lock that went on the garage door.⁸⁴

On 18 Feb 1950, Elmer and Emma's youngest daughter, Faye, married David Hankins McCauley at the Loyall Church of Christ. Emma held both the rehearsal dinner and reception at home. Faye and David lived in several towns in Tennessee and in Middlesboro and Louisville, Kentucky, before settling in Mt. Vernon in 1952. They had four children.⁸⁵

Their daughter Helen married Rex Yonce in 1954. Emma made her wedding gown and veil, the four bridesmaid's dresses, and the flower girl's dress. Helen and Rex lived across the street from Elmer and Emma and had one child.⁸⁶

Emma joined the Loyall Parent Teacher Association (PTA) in 1927 and remained active in the organization long after her children were out of school. She served two years as local president in 1944-45, three years as District President in 1954-1957, and six years on the Kentucky PTA State Board from 1954 to 1960. She attended national PTA conventions in Cincinnati and San Francisco and all the state conventions while she was on the board. Emma was a delegate to the Kentucky White House Conference on Education held in Louisville in 1955 and the Kentucky Governor's Conference on Education in 1956.⁸⁷ In 1965, the Kentucky superintendent of public instruction appointed her to a twenty-two member citizens advisory committee to study Kentucky's foundation program for education.⁸⁸

In 1930, Emma joined the Loyall Homemaker's Club and held the office of county president twice. She served as vice president of the Harlan Civic Club and was a member of the Harlan Business and Professional Women Club (BPW). They named her BPW Club Senior Citizen of the Month in December 1976.⁸⁹

Emma took only one airplane trip, flying to San Francisco to attend a national PTA convention in 1956. She enjoyed the flight out but had a problem on the return flight. Emma had trouble breathing, so went to the restroom, took off her corset, and left it there. The stewardess noticed she was having a problem and put her on oxygen for two hours. When they landed in Kansas City to change planes, she handed Emma a brown paper sack with her corset inside. She had to change planes again in Chicago and the plane was late. Emma feared she would not get back to Kentucky in time to see two of her grandchildren in a dance recital that evening. Elmer was waiting for her at the Louisville airport, and they made it to the recital in Mt. Vernon. Emma never wanted to fly again.⁹⁰ Elmer never flew. His stock comment about it was that he had "never been in that big a hurry."⁹¹

Elmer retired from the L&N Railroad on 28 April 1960.⁹² His three daughters, six grandchildren, and Emma "jumped" the train and rode part of the way on the caboose for his last run. In reality, the train slowed to a stop at two points during the run. The family boarded at the first stop and disembarked at the second, because they could not go into the depot with the train.⁹³

After Elmer retired, he and Emma took several trips west to visit his brother Grant in Tuscon, Arizona, and her brother Bill in Kansas. They drove to Tuscon several times but also made a few trips by train. While in Arizona, they also visited Los Angeles and Juarez, Mexico.⁹⁴

Elmer and Emma started making a trip to Mt. Vernon, where Faye and her family lived, most every week. After Elmer's retirement, they would leave home on Monday morning and stop in Barbourville to visit Edna. They often had lunch that Emma brought. Then they went on to Mt. Vernon, where they spent the night at Faye's before returning home the next day. Emma's mother and sisters Gracie and Susie and Elmer's brother Lige were still living when they started this routine and they visited with them as well. Elmer often took a drive out by "the old home place" where he had spent most of his childhood while they were there.⁹⁵

Emma was diagnosed with type II diabetes when she was in her early fifties. She took medication to control it and later developed high blood pressure.⁹⁶ When she was sixty-nine years old, Emma was hospitalized for the first time because both her diabetes and blood pressure were out of control. Two years later, she had gall bladder surgery and, in January 1977, she had surgery for colon cancer.⁹⁷

In April 1977, floodwater reached thirty-eight inches deep in Elmer and Emma's house. It was the first time water got more than a few inches deep in the yard and basement in the fifty-two years they had lived there. However, when six inches of rain fell in a short time, the Cumberland River rose fast. They had to grab a few necessities and head for higher ground, with no time to think about saving anything. Emma and Elmer and many others sheltered at the Loyall Church of Christ, which was up hill a few blocks from their house.⁹⁸

They lost almost everything, including irreplaceable books, papers, pictures, and newspaper clippings. Emma's prized piano, which was by then at her daughter's house across the street, was also a casualty of the flood. Emma had just had surgery for colon cancer three months earlier and could not do much. She went to Mt. Vernon to stay with Faye for two weeks while the worst of the clean up was going on. When she returned to Loyall, she and Elmer lived in a trailer for about six weeks until the house was livable again. As part of the renovation, they had the house raised seven feet off the ground.⁹⁹

Emma died of a heart attack on 19 January 1978 at the Harlan Appalachian Regional Hospital during one of the worst snowstorms on record in Kentucky.¹⁰⁰ She was seventy-seven years old. Her funeral was held on 22 January at Loyall Funeral Home with Rev. Bob Hull of Loyall Church of Christ officiating.¹⁰¹

Following the funeral, the family made the 100-mile trip over partially cleared highways with scrapped snow piled several feet high along the shoulder of the road to Mt. Vernon for her burial. Because of the weather, many of Emma's cousins from Rockcastle County had not made the trip to Loyall. When the funeral caravan arrived in Mt. Vernon, a short visitation was held at Cox Funeral Home Chapel before the burial at Elmwood Cemetery. Emma was laid to rest beside Ruby.¹⁰²

In December 1976, Elmer was diagnosed with prostate cancer, which led to his death three and a half years later. He died on 26 May 1980 at the Harlan Appalachian Regional Hospital. Elmer was eighty-six years old.¹⁰³ His funeral was held on 29 May at the Loyall Funeral Home with Jim Copland of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses officiating.¹⁰⁴ Elmer was buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Mt. Vernon beside Emma.¹⁰⁵

Edna Ewers Hopkins

Edna weighed nine and a half lbs. when she was born at noon on 28 August 1921 at Emma's parents' home in Mt. Vernon.¹⁰⁶ She was baptized at the Loyall Church of Christ in 1934.¹⁰⁷ Edna played clarinet in the band at Loyall High School and graduated in 1939.¹⁰⁸ In 1942, she graduated from Union College in Barbourville, Knox County, Kentucky.¹⁰⁹

While at Union, Edna met Aubrey Edgar Chesnut, Jr., son of Aubrey Edgar Chesnut, Sr. and Jennie Brown. Aubrey was born on 27 April 1921 in Tuttle, Knox County, Kentucky, a community on the Knox and Laurel County line.¹¹⁰ By 1930, the family lived at 333 Catron Avenue in Barbourville, the home his parents kept for the rest of their lives.¹¹¹

After graduation from Union, Edna returned home and taught school in Harlan County for the 1942-43 school year. Her first assignment was a two-room school at Putney, a community between Harlan and Cumberland. She soon transferred to Loyall High School as the business/commerce teacher.¹¹²

Aubrey joined the U.S. Army on 24 September 1942 in Cincinnati.¹¹³ Prior to that, he attended Union College and Bowling Green Business University and worked at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio. Aubrey was stationed at Drew Field in Tampa, Florida, when he and Edna decided to get married.¹¹⁴

Emma made Edna's wedding dress, and the two of them took the train to Florida. Elmer's brother John was retired from the Army and lived in Tampa. Edna and Aubrey got married at his house at 802 East Hanna Street in Hillsborough County on 19 June 1943.¹¹⁵ Edna wore a simple string of pearls with the long white silk dress, which had a sweetheart neckline, long sleeves, and a floor length bouffant skirt. Poinciana flowers decorated the house and the mother of the bride wore a black dress trimmed in blue.¹¹⁶

Several months later, when Aubrey went overseas, Edna returned to Loyall to stay until he came home.¹¹⁷ She also returned to teaching.¹¹⁸ Edna and Aubrey's oldest son was born while she was living with her parents. He was eighteen months old when his father returned from the war. Edna and Aubrey settled in his hometown of Barbourville, in Knox County, about an hour away from Loyall. They had two more sons.¹¹⁹

Aubrey worked for the U.S. Postal Service, eventually becoming postmaster at Barbourville. Edna did substitute teaching in Knox County but never return to full time teaching.¹²⁰ Her father-in-law ran Chesnut Tax Service, and she worked with him. Edna eventually took over the business when Aubrey Sr. retired and ran it until she retired.¹²¹

After retirement, Edna and Aubrey moved to St. Cloud in Osceola County, Florida.¹²² They returned to Kentucky in 1993.¹²³

Aubrey died on 25 January 1996 in Barbourville.¹²⁴ Edna died there on 11 October 2016.¹²⁵ Both funerals were held at Knox Funeral Home in Barbourville, and they were both buried in Barbourville Cemetery.¹²⁶

Ruby Marie Hopkins

Blonde and blue-eyed Ruby was born at 8:00 a.m. on 26 February 1924 at Shonn. She weighed eleven lbs.¹²⁷ Ruby lived one year, eight months, and two days.¹²⁸ Emma said she was born to be an angel, but she was grateful God let them have her, even for such a short time.¹²⁹

Ruby became ill with scarlet fever and dyphteria on 14 October 1925. She died at home on 28 October.¹³⁰ Her body was taken to Mt. Vernon. Reverend Phillip Bornwasser of First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon officiated at her funeral, held on 30 October at the home of Emma's parents. Ruby was buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Mt. Vernon.¹³¹

Note: Elmer and Emma's two younger daughters are still living. Their stories are not included for privacy reasons.

Endnotes for Emma Ewers Taylor & Elmer Dennis Hopkins

1. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (KY, Loyall, 1977), privately held by Faye Hopkins McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY; Faye is Emma's daughter.
2. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
3. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
4. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (KY, Loyall, 1977), scanned copy of fill-in-the-blanks family history book privately held by Linda F. McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY.
5. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
6. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
7. Elmer Dennis Hopkins, told many times to the author and other family.
8. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
9. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
10. KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services, delayed birth certificate, certificate no. 451627 (issued 1960), Emma Ewers Taylor; Office of Vital Statistics, Frankfort. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977); location of house
11. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
12. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
13. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
14. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
15. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
16. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
17. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor, mother of author.
18. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
19. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
20. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
21. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
22. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
23. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
24. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
25. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
26. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
27. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
28. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
29. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977). "History of 1918 Flu Pandemic," *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention* (<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pandemic-resources/1918-commemoration/1918-pandemic-history.htm> : accessed 5 Dec 2021), last reviewed 21 Mar 2018; flu statistics.
30. KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services, death certificate no. 13870 (1980), Elmer D. Hopkins; Office of Vital Statistics, Frankfort; birth date and parents. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1977), p. 8; birth place.
31. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1977), p. 8 & 10.
32. 1900 U.S. census, Harlan Co., KY, population schedule, Wallins Creek, enumeration district (ED) 54, sheet 9A), dwelling 147, family 147, James Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 22 Aug 2009); from NARA microfilm T623; in Wallins when Elmer was six. Gerald Hopkins to Linda McCauley, letter, 28 Feb 2004; privately held by McCauley; Elmer's brother (Gerald's father) born 1902 in Rockcastle County.
33. Elmer Dennis Hopkins, told to the author.

34. 1940 U.S. census, Harlan Co., KY, population schedule, Loyall, enumeration district (ED) 48-4, sheet 15A, household 266, Elmer D. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442> : accessed 13 Feb 2021); from NARA microfilm 627, roll 1313; highest grade completed 5.
35. Army of the United States, Elmer D. Hopkins, honorable discharge 3 Dec 1914, scanned copy in possession of Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, scanned from original held by Edna Hopkins (Elmer's daughter) now deceased.
36. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1977), p. 39.
37. Greg Whitaker, "Thirteen-Two's in the River at Tremont!...", *Lebanon Magazine* (Jun 2019); p. 4-9.
38. Whitaker, "Thirteen-Two's in the River at Tremont!...", p. 4-9.
39. Whitaker, "Thirteen-Two's in the River at Tremont!...", p. 4-9.
40. Honorable Discharge from The United States Army, Elmer D. Hopkins, 12 Jun 1919, scanned copy in possession of Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, scanned from original held by Edna Hopkins (Elmer's daughter) now deceased.
41. "U.S., Army Transport Service Arriving and Departing Passenger Lists, 1910-1939," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61174> : accessed 10 Jan 2021), Incoming > Henry R. Mallory > 13 Apr 1918-28 May 1919 > image 798, entry for Elmer D. Hopkins, serial no. 3095652; from Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774-1985, Record Group 92, NARA, College Park, MD.
42. Honorable Discharge from The United States Army, Elmer D. Hopkins, 12 Jun 1919.
43. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Mémoir" (1977).
44. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Mémoir" (1977).
45. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Mémoir" (1977). Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1977), p. 38.
46. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Mémoir" (1977).
47. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Mémoir" (1977).
48. "Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852-1965," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1222> : accessed 28 Oct 2008), death certificate no. 24086 (1925), Ruby Marie Hopkins; from microfilm 994027-994058, KY Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort.
49. Elmwood Cemetery (Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle Co., KY), Ruby Marie Hopkins marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 20 Mar 2003.
50. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1977), p. 38; when they moved. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Mémoir" (1977).
51. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1977), p. 38.
52. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Mémoir" (1977).
53. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Mémoir" (1977).
54. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Mémoir" (1977).
55. Rockcastle Co., KY, Master Commissioner Deed Book 2: 556, Tip Langford to Elmer Hopkins, 18 Dec 1932; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.
56. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor, mother of author.
57. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 57: 329, Clara Traub & Anna E. Krueger to Elmer Hopkins, 20 Dec 1938; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.
58. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor, mother of author.
59. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 57: 330, Anna E. Krueger to Elmer Hopkins, 17 Dec 1938; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.
60. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor, mother of author.
61. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Mémoir" (1977).
62. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor, mother of author.
63. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Mémoir" (1977).

64. "U.S., Appointments of U.S. Postmasters, 1832-1971," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1932> : accessed 3 Jan 2014), Emma E. Hopkins, Loyall, KY; from NARA microfilm publication M841, Records of the Post Office Department, Record Group 28, NARA, Washington, D.C.
65. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1977), p. 39.
66. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor, mother of author.
67. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1977), p. 39, mine ownership. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
68. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor, mother of author.
69. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
70. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977). Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor, mother of author.
71. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
72. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1977), p 32-33.
73. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor, mother of author.
74. "Face Sedition Count in State," *Messenger* (Madisonville, KY), 8 Jun 1940, p. 6, col. 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Dec 2021). "6 'Witnesses' Held," *Courier-Journal* (Louisville, KY), 8 Jun 1940, p. 11, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Dec 2021).
75. "Railroader Back in Jail on Sedition," *Harlan (KY) Daily Enterprise*, 11 Jul 1940; copied from microfilm at Bryan W. Whitfield Jr. Public Library, Harlan.
76. "Sedition Charges Against Hopkins Dismissed Today," *Harlan (KY) Daily Enterprise*, 2 Aug 1940; copied from microfilm at Bryan W. Whitfield Jr. Public Library, Harlan.
77. "High Court Lacks Power To Halt Jailing of Jehovah's Witnesses," *Lexington (KY) Herald*, 31 Jul 1940, p. 21, col. 7; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Dec 2021).
78. "Indictments Charge Six With Sedition," *Lexington (KY) Herald*, 23 Aug 1940, p. 1, col. 6; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Dec 2021).
79. "Three-Judge Court Called," *Lexington (KY) Herald*, 22 Sep 1940, p. 1, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Dec 2021).
80. "Prosecution of Members of Jehovah's Witnesses Suspended," *Lexington (KY) Herald*, 29 Nov 1940, p. 2, col. 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Dec 2021). "Jehovah Sect Prosecution Is Suspended," *Courier-Journal* (Louisville, KY), 1 Dec 1940, p. 1, col. 7; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Dec 2021).
81. "Sect Triumphs In U.S. Court," *Lexington (KY) Leader*, 4 Jun 1941, p. 17, col. 8; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Dec 2021). "Witnesses Freed In Harlan Charge Of Sedition," *Courier-Journal* (Louisville, KY), 5 Jun 1941, p. 10, col. 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Dec 2021).
82. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
83. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1977), p 38.
84. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor, mother of author.
85. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
86. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
87. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
88. "Educator Says Schools Must Adjust To Society," *Courier-Journal* (Louisville, KY), 7 Oct 1965, p. 29, col. 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Dec 2021).
89. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
90. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
91. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor, mother of author.
92. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1977), p. 39.

93. Linda F. McCauley, granddaughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor; was present.
94. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
95. Linda F. McCauley, granddaughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor.
96. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor, mother of author.
97. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
98. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
99. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
100. KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services, death certificate no. 646 (1978), Emma Hopkins; Office of Vital Statistics, Frankfort. Andy Mead, "Snowfall Creates State of Emergency," *Lexington (KY) Herald*, 18 Jan 1978, p. 1, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 4 Dec 2021).
101. Mrs. Elmer Hopkins," *Harlan (KY) Daily Enterprise*, 20 Jan 1978, scanned clipping held by Linda F. McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 2005, original saved by Faye Hopkins McCauley.
102. Linda F. McCauley, granddaughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor; was present.
103. KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services, death certificate no. 13870 (1980), Elmer D. Hopkins; Office of Vital Statistics, Frankfort.
104. Elmer Hopkins," *Harlan (KY) Daily Enterprise*, 27 May 1980, scanned clipping held by Linda F. McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 2005, original saved by Faye Hopkins McCauley.
105. Elmwood Cemetery (Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle Co., KY), Emma E. & Elmer D. Hopkins marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 4 May 2005.

Endnotes for Edna Ewers Hopkins

106. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1969-1977); p. 16.
107. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1969-1977); p. 32.
108. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor; clarinet.
109. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1969-1977); p. 34 & 35, graduations from high school and college.
110. "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 2 Feb 2022), Aubrey Edgar Chesnut, Jr., SSN 403-09-2780; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007.
111. 1930 U.S. census, Knox Co., KY, population schedule, Barbourville, enumeration district (ED) 61-16, sheet 10A, dwelling 190, family 194, Aubrey Chestnut; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 2 Feb 2022); from NARA microfilm T626. Linda F. McCauley, granddaughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor; Chesnuts lived in that house rest of their lives.
112. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor. "Miss Hopkins Recent Bride" and "Loyall Teacher Marries in Florida Ceremony," unidentified newspapers but one was likely the *Harlan (KY) Daily Enterprise* and the other the *Barbourville (KY) Mountain Advocate*, clipping saved by Edna Hopkins Chesnut, scanned clipping provided to Linda F. McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 2005; teaching commerce at Loyall.
113. "U.S., World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8939> : accessed 2 Feb 2022), Aubrey E. Chesnut, Jr., 24 Sep 1942, Cincinnati, OH; from NARA, World War II Army Enlistment Records, Record Group 64, College Park, MD.
114. "Miss Hopkins Recent Bride," "Loyall Teacher Marries in Florida Ceremony," unidentified newspapers.
115. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977). Marriage Certificate, Aubrey Edgar Chesnut, Jr. & Edna Ewers Hopkins, 19 Jun 1943, Tampa, FL; scanned copy privately held by Linda F. McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, scanned from original held by Edna Hopkins Chesnut now deceased; date, county, & state.
116. "Miss Hopkins Recent Bride," "Loyall Teacher Marries in Florida Ceremony," unidentified newspapers.
117. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Memoir" (1977).
118. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor.

119. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, “Memoir” (1977).
120. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor.
121. Linda F. McCauley, granddaughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor.
122. Linda F. McCauley, granddaughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor.
123. “Obituaries,” *Orlando (FL) Sentinel*, 28 Jan 1996, p. 25, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 2 Feb 2022).
124. “Obituaries,” *Orlando Sentinel*, 28 Jan 1996; date of death. Linda F. McCauley, granddaughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor; location.
125. “Edna Hopkins Chesnut,” *Legacy.com* (<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries> : accessed 19 Jul 2021); from Knox Funeral Home, Barbourville, KY.
126. Linda F. McCauley, granddaughter of Elmer D. Hopkins and Emma E. Taylor.

Endnotes for Ruby Marie Hopkins

127. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, “Our Family History” (1969-1977); p. 16.
128. “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” death certificate no. 24086 (1925), Ruby Marie Hopkins.
129. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, “Memoir” (1977).
130. “Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852–1965,” death certificate no. 24086 (1925), Ruby Marie Hopkins.
131. “Little Ruby Marie Hopkins Passes Into The Great Beyond,” Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal, date unknown, scanned clipping held by Linda F. McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 2003, original saved by Emma Hopkins. Linda Ramsey Ashley, *A History of the First Christian Church, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky* (Lexington, KY: privately published, 1975); p. 84, Bornwasser’s first name and affiliation with 1st Christian Church.

Columbus Ora Hopkins



Lum

Columbus Ora Hopkins was the fifth child born to James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard.¹ He was born on 24 May in either 1896 or 1897 in Wallins Creek, Kentucky. Birth certificates were not issued in Kentucky until 1911 and Lum's birth year varies on other records.

When Lum registered for the World War I draft on 5 June 1917, he gave his birth date as 24 May 1896.² But he said the year was 1897 when he registered for the World War II draft on 16 February 1942.³ Lum's age in census records for 1900, 1920, 1930, and 1950, based on the census date for each year, equals a birth year of 1896.⁴ For 1910, his age calculates to a birth year of 1895 and his age in 1940 calculates to 1897.⁵ If Lum was born in 1897, then his brother Berry was born nine months and four days later, but their ages in 1910 and 1920 censuses are two years apart. Based on that and the fact that the earliest records indicate Lum's birth year was 1896, it is most likely the correct year.

Lum was about eight years old when the family left Harlan County for Rockcastle County, Kentucky, in 1904.⁶ He completed the 8th grade at Red Bud School.⁷

On 1 Feb 1918, Lum enlisted as a private in the U. S. Marine Corp at Mare Island, California. He was in Company E, stationed at Mare Island for a few months. On 11 May, Lum was assigned to Company C, Replacement Battalion. On 21 June, Lum was transferred to the 5th Regiment of the 51st Company, which was part of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe.⁸

Exactly when his unit went to Europe is not known, but from 11 to 16 September he participated in an offensive on the St. Mihiel front in France. By October he was in the 5th Regiment of Company G, still in France, and from the 1st to 9th participated in offensive operations in the Champagne Sector and the battle of Blanc Mont Ridge. From 1 to 14 November, Lum participated in the offensive operations in the Argonne Forest and along the Meuse River in France. The remainder of November and through 13 December, he participated in the march of the Allied Armies towards the Rhine River following the evacuation of the

German Army. Between the 14th and 16th, they marched to their destination of Segendorf, Germany. Lum remained in Germany through April 1919.⁹

From 7 May to 3 June 1919, Lum was part of Detachment D in Le Mans, France. He returned to Segendorf from June 4th to 17th. He was on march on the 18th and 19th, moving to Strassen, Germany, where he remained from the 20th to 28th. On the 29th, he was again on march and returned to Segendorf on the 30th.¹⁰

Lum remained stationed in Segendorf from 1 to 17 July 1919. He was he was enroute to Brest, France from the 18th to 20th and was stationed at Camp Pontanesen there on the 21st to the 24th. From the 25th to the 31st, he was aboard the U.S.S. George Washington, enroute back to the U.S.¹¹

On 18 August 1919, Lum was discharged from the Marine Corp at Mare Island, where he had joined. He served in the Marine Reserves after he was discharged until 31 January 1922.¹²

Lum returned to Rockcastle County after his discharge and lived with his parents at Gum Sulphur in 1920. He worked as a farm laborer, likely helping his father with their farm.¹³

Lum married Nancy Alva Helton on 27 March 1920 in Brodhead, Kentucky.¹⁴ Nancy was the daughter of John S. Helton and Jerusha Ledford, who lived in the Freedom community in Rockcastle County. She was born on 2 December 1898 in Harlan County.¹⁵ Like the Hopkinses, the Helton family left Harlan County for Rockcastle County.¹⁶

When Lum and Nancy married, he worked for the railroad, and she taught school.¹⁷ They had one son, Kenneth Helton Hopkins, born on 21 May 1921 in Rockcastle County.¹⁸ Lum and Nancy divorced by 1926 when he remarried. In 1930, he lived in Harlan Township in Warren County, Ohio, where his parents had moved in 1922.¹⁹ Nancy and Kenneth remained in Rockcastle County and lived with her parents on West Main Street in Mt. Vernon.²⁰

Little is known about Lum's second wife, Ethel, who was born about 1909 in West Virginia.²¹ They had no children and divorced between 1932 and 1940.²²

Lum married for a third time by 1940. Ellen Veidt was born on 3 October 1906 in Warren County to George Veidt and Mattie Simpson.²³ She was previously married to Robert C. McConnell and had two children, William and Martha Betty.²⁴ Lum, Ellen, and her children lived at 557 West Fancy Street in Blanchester, Ohio in 1940.²⁵

In 1950, Lum and Ellen lived at 304 North Broadway in Blanchester. Martha Betty, her husband, Carl Blocker, and her son lived with them.²⁶

Lum farmed when he first moved to Ohio. By 1940 he drove a dairy truck and in 1950 he was a county highway department truck driver.²⁷

Lum died of a pulmonary embolism at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, on 25 March 1981.²⁸ His funeral was held on the 27th, and he was buried in Morrow Cemetery near his parents.²⁹

Ellen died less than two months later on 9 May in Wilmington, Ohio.³⁰ She was buried beside Lum in Morrow Cemetery.³¹

Nancy Helton (Lum's 1st Wife)

After Lum and Nancy divorced, she reverted to her maiden name and lived the rest of her life in Rockcastle County. Nancy's teaching career spanned forty-nine years, thirty-three of them at Mt. Vernon Grade School. She spent fifteen years at other Rockcastle County schools including Hickory Grove,

Maretburg, Freedom, Skeggs Creek, Sowders, Rocky Bend, Gauley Branch, and Mullins Station. Nancy also taught one year at Wallins Creek early in her career, possibly her first job.³²

Less than two months after reaching her 100th birthday, Nancy died on 23 January 1999 at Sowder Nursing Home in Brodhead. She was buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Mt. Vernon.³³

Kenneth Helton Hopkins

Kenneth married Iona Joyce Laswell, daughter of Tony G. Laswell and Mary Iva Newland.³⁴ Joyce was born on 11 August 1926 in Rockcastle County.³⁵ Kenneth and Joyce had one son.³⁶

Kenneth and Joyce lived in Boyle County, Kentucky, where he worked for South Central Bell Telephone Company. His career spanned forty-two years and he rose to district manager.³⁷

After Kenneth retired, he and Joyce moved back to Rockcastle County to a house on West Main Street in Mt. Vernon.³⁸ Joyce died on 7 September 1988 in Fayette County, Kentucky, and was buried in Piney Grove Cemetery in Brodhead.³⁹

Kenneth married twice more. His second wife was Reita Mae Sowder, daughter of William Sowder and Mildred Smith. She was born on 27 May 1925 in Brodhead and died on 18 January 2004 in Arizona. Reita was buried in Valley of the Sun Mortuary and Cemetery in Chandler, Arizona.⁴⁰ Ann Owens, daughter of Robert Owens and Locie Payne, was his third wife. She was born on 26 May 1930 in Frankfort, Kentucky, and died on 14 April 2022 in Stanford, Kentucky. Ann was buried in Piney Grove Cemetery.⁴¹

During World War II, Kenneth served in the U.S. Navy. He was a musician and loved playing with the Rockcastle Bluegrass Group. He was instrumental in getting his Uncle Doc Hopkins inducted into the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame as part of the 2015 class. Kenneth performed at that induction ceremony.⁴²

Kenneth died on 19 June 2022 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon at age 101. He was buried in Piney Grove Cemetery.⁴³

Endnotes for Columbus Ora Hopkins

1. 1900 U.S. census, Harlan Co., KY, population schedule, Wallins Creek, enumeration district (ED) 54, p. 94A, dwelling 147, family 147, James Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 22 Aug 2009); from NARA microfilm T623, roll 525; shows four older siblings. OH Dept. of Health, death certificate no. 027110 (1981), Lum O. Hopkins; Division of Vital Statistics, Columbus; parents' names.

2. "U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6482> : accessed 30 Aug 2007), Lum Hopkins, serial no. 36, Rockcastle Co., KY; from U.S., World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, M1509, NARA, Washington, D.C.

3. "U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 20 Feb 2022), Lum Ora Hopkins, serial no. 890; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri.

4. 1900 U.S. census, Harlan Co., KY, pop. sch., Wallins Creek, ED 54, p. 94A, dwell. 147, fam. 147, James Hopkins. 1920 U.S. census, Rockcastle Co., KY, population schedule, South Brodhead, enumeration district (ED) 248, sheet 16A, dwelling 299, family 300, James A. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061> : accessed 22 Aug 2009); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 595. 1930 U.S. census, Warren Co., OH, population schedule, Butlerville Village, enumeration district (ED) 83-12, sheet 1A, dwelling 2, family 2, Lum O. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 22 Aug 2009); from NARA microfilm T626. 1950 U.S. census, Clinton Co., OH, population schedule, Blanchester, enumeration district (ED) 14-13, sheet 75, dwelling 246, lines 9-13, Lum O. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62308> : accessed 12 Jul 2022); from NARA, 1950 Census (<https://1950Census.archives.gov/search>).

5. 1910 U.S. census, Rockcastle Co., KY, population schedule, Mag. Dist 3, enumeration district (ED) 102, sheet 7A, dwelling 94, family 99, James A. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 22 Aug 2009); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 500. 1940 U.S. census, Clinton Co., OH, population schedule, Blanchester, enumeration district (ED) 14-12, sheet 22A, household 551, Lum O. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442> : accessed 30 Jul 2012); from NARA microfilm 627, roll 3042.

6. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 20: 498-499, Joshua & S.Monie Dunn (grantor), J. A. Hopkins (grantee), 16 Mar 1904; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.

7. 1940 U.S. census, Clinton Co., OH, pop. sch., Blanchester, ED 14-12, sheet 22A, hhld 551, Lum O. Hopkins; highest grade completed 8. Elmer Dennis Hopkins, son of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard; told he and siblings attended Red Bud School.

8. "U.S. Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1089> : accessed 11 Aug 2022), Lum O. Hopkins, 1918-1919; from "U.S. Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1893-1958," T977, Record Group 127, NARA, Washington, D.C.

9. "U.S. Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958," Lum O. Hopkins, 1918-1919.

10. "U.S. Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958," Lum O. Hopkins, 1918-1919.

11. "U.S. Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958," Lum O. Hopkins, 1918-1919.

12. "U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1200> : accessed 11 Aug 2022), Lum O. Hopkins, Central Branch, Dayton, OH, 1929; from "Historical Register of National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938," T977, Record Group 15; NARA, Washington, D.C; discharge date and location. "U.S. Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958," Lum O. Hopkins, 1920-1922.

13. 1920 U.S. census, Rockcastle Co., KY, pop. sch., South Brodhead, ED 248, sheet 16A, dwell. 299, fam. 300, James A. Hopkins.

14. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007735215> : accessed 5 Jun 2022), digital film 007735215, image 389, Rockcastle Co., KY, Marriages, 30: 46, L. O. Hopkins & Nancy Helton, 27 Mar 1920.

15. "Nancy Helton," *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 28 Jan 1999, p. 4, col. 1; digital image, *Rockcastle County Public Library* (<https://signal.rockcastlelibrary.org> : accessed 15 Aug 2022), Mount Vernon Signal Archives; parents names. "Helton-Hopkins," *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, Supplement to 26 Mar 1920, col. 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://newspapers.com> : accessed 15 Aug 2022).

16. 1900 U.S. census, Harlan Co., KY, population schedule, Lower Martins Fork, enumeration district (ED) 53, p.1B, dwelling 19, family 19, John S. Helton; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602> : accessed 15 Aug 2022); from NARA microfilm T623, roll 525. 1910 U.S. census, Rockcastle Co., KY, population schedule, west Mt. Vernon, enumeration

district (ED) 97, sheet 7B, dwelling 140, family 140, John S. Helton; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884> : accessed 15 Aug 2022); from NARA microfilm T624, roll 500.

17. *FamilySearch*, digital film 007735215, image 389, Rockcastle Co., KY, Marriages, Hopkins-Helton; Lum's occupation. "Helton-Hopkins," *Mt. Vernon Signal, Supplement* to 26 Mar 1920; Nancy's occupation.

18. *Dowell & Martin Funeral Home* (<https://dowellmartin.com> : accessed 15 Aug 2022), Kenneth Hopkins, obituary.

19. 1930 U.S. census, Warren Co., OH, population schedule, Butlerville Village, enumeration district (ED) 83-12, sheet 1A, dwelling 2, family 2, Lum O. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 22 Aug 2009); from NARA microfilm T626; Ethel's age at first marriage 17, age in 1930 21, calculates to Lum and Ethel marrying about 1926.

20. 1930 U.S. census, Rockcastle Co., KY, population schedule, Mag. Dist. 1, enumeration district (ED) 102-2, sheet 3B, dwelling 55, family 57, John S. Helton; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 15 Aug 2022); from NARA microfilm T626.

21. 1930 U.S. census, Warren Co., OH, pop. sch., Butlerville Village, ED 83-12, sheet 1A, dwell. 2, fam. 2, Lum O. Hopkins.

22. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (KY, Loyall, 1969-1977), scanned copy of fill-in-the-blanks family history privately held by Linda F. McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY; Kenneth was Lum's only child. Hopkins Family in Front of House, 1932; digital image, scanned 5 Jan 2010 by Linda McCauley from photo collection of Edna Hopkins Chesnut, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins & Emma E. Taylor; Ethel in photo. 1940 U.S. census, Clinton Co., OH, population schedule, Blanchester, enumeration district (ED) 14-12, sheet 22A, household 551, Lum O. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442> : accessed 30 Jul 2012); from NARA microfilm 627, roll 3042; Lum living with 3rd wife in 1940.

23. Ohio, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1774-1973, database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2541> : accessed 15 Aug 2022), Ellen Veidt (1906); from "Ohio Births and Christenings, 1821-1962 Index," *FamilySearch*, Salt Lake City, UT.

24. Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774-1993, database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61378> : accessed 15 Aug 2022), William V. McConnell & Mary Alice Botts, Stark Co., OH, (1950); from Marriage Records, Ohio Marriages, Various Ohio County Courthouses; Wm's parents Robert McConnell and Ellen Veidt.

25. 1940 U.S. census, Clinton Co., OH, pop. sch., Blanchester, ED 14-12, sheet 22A, hhld 551, Lum O. Hopkins.

26. 1950 U.S. census, Clinton Co., OH, pop. sch., Blanchester, ED 14-13, sheet 75, dwell. 246, lines 9-13, Lum O. Hopkins.

27. 1930 U.S. census, Warren Co., OH, pop. sch., Butlerville Village, ED 83-12, sheet 1A, dwell. 2, fam. 2, Lum O. Hopkins. 1940 U.S. census, Clinton Co., OH, pop. sch., Blanchester, ED 14-12, sheet 22A, hhld 551, Lum O. Hopkins. 1950 U.S. census, Clinton Co., OH, pop. sch., Blanchester, ED 14-13, sheet 75, dwell. 246, lines 9-13, Lum O. Hopkins.

28. OH Dept. of Health, death certificate no. 027110 (1981), Lum O. Hopkins.

29. "Lum O. Hopkins," *Cincinnati (OH) Post*, 27 Mar 1981, p. 2, col. 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 5 Jun 2022).

30. "Ohio, U.S., Death Records, 1908-1932, 1938-2018," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5763> : accessed 16 Aug 2022), Ellen V. Hopkins, 1981, Clinton Co.; from Index to Annual Deaths, 1958-2002, OH Dept of Health, State Vital Statistics Unit, Columbus.

31. Morrow Cemetery (Salem Township, Warren Co., OH), Lum O & Ellen V Hopkins marker, photographed by Linda McCauley, 22 Jun 2012.

Endnotes for Nancy Helton

32. "Nancy Helton," *Mt. Vernon Signal*, 28 Jan 1999.

33. "Nancy Helton," *Mt. Vernon Signal*, 28 Jan 1999.

Endnotes for Kenneth Helton Hopkins

34. "Joyce L. Hopkins," *Advocate Messenger* (Danville, KY), 8 Sep 1988, p. 2, col 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 16 Aug 2022). 1930 U.S. census, Rockcastle Co., KY, population schedule, Brodhead, enumeration district (ED) 102-8, sheet 3A, dwelling 40, family 42, Tony G. Laswell; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 15 Aug 2022); from NARA microfilm T626; father's name. "Kentucky, U.S., Birth Index, 1911-1999,"

database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8788> : accessed 16 Aug 2022), birth certificate no. 63713 (1926), Iona J Laswell; from Kentucky Birth, Marriage, and Death Databases: Births 1911-1999, Dept. for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort; first name & mother's maiden name. "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 16 Aug 2022), Mary Iva Laswell, SSN 406-82-9209; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007; mother's full name.

35. "Kentucky, U.S., Birth Index, 1911–1999," birth certificate no. 63713 (1926), Iona J Laswell.

36. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1969-1977).

37. *Dowell & Martin Funeral Home*, Kenneth Hopkins, obituary.

38. Linda Faye McCauley, great-granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard; personal knowledge.

39. "Joyce L. Hopkins," *Advocate Messenger*, 8 Sep 1988.

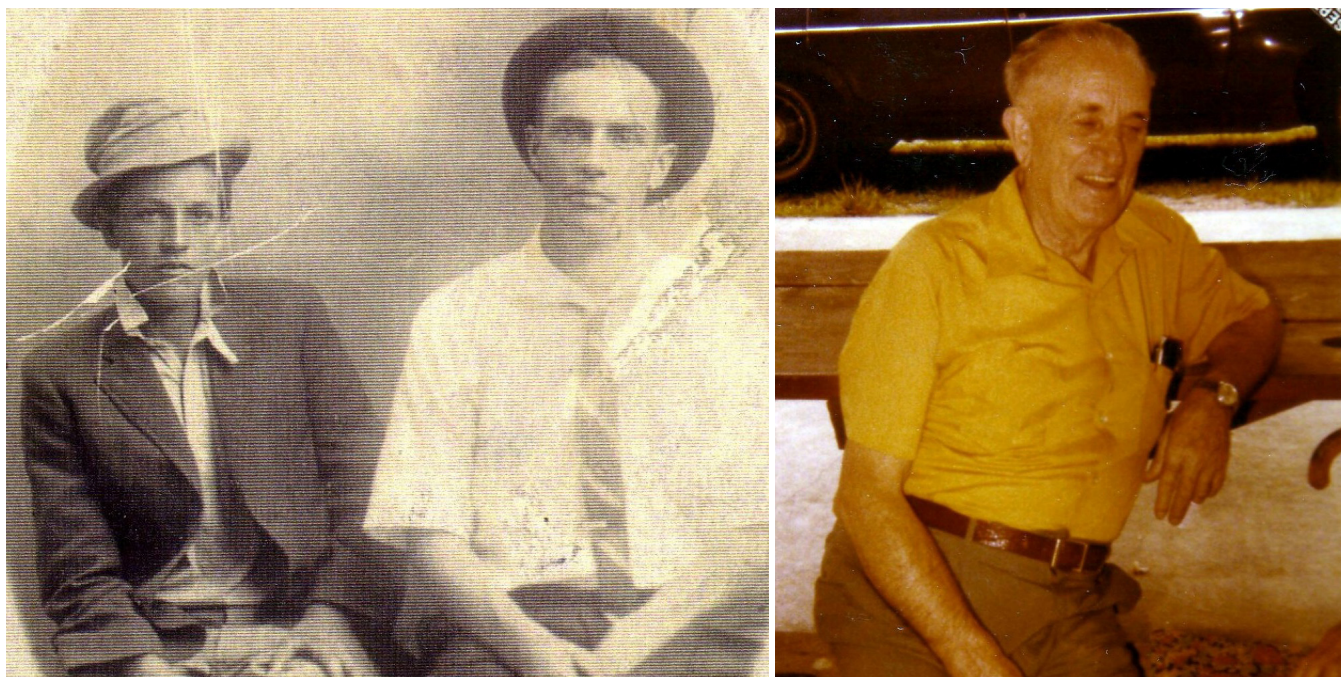
40. "Reita Mae Hopkins," *Arizona Republic* (Phoenix, AZ), 21 Jan 2004, p. 21, col. 4; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 15 Aug 2022).

41. *Stith Funeral Home* (<https://stithcares.com> : accessed 15 Aug 2022), Ann Hopkins, obituary.

42. *Dowell & Martin Funeral Home*, Kenneth Hopkins, obituary. Linda Faye McCauley, great-granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard; personal knowledge re: getting Doc Hopkins inducted into KY Music Hall of Fame.

43. *Dowell & Martin Funeral Home*, Kenneth Hopkins, obituary.

Leo Berry Hopkins



Left: Berry & Elmer; Right: Berry

Leo Berry Hopkins was born on 28 February 1898 in Wallins Creek, Kentucky to James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard. His middle name was for Cindy's half-brother Newberry Howard, and he was called Berry by the family.¹ Berry was about 3 years old when they moved to Rockcastle County.² He completed the 8th grade at Red Bud School.³

Berry served in Company D, 17th Machine Gun Battalion, 6th Division in the U.S. Army. He served in Europe during World War I, sailing to England from New York aboard the S/S Desna on 7 July 1918.⁴

Berry married Marie Beedy on 10 February 1922 in Campbell County, Kentucky. They were married by a Justice of the Peace in Newport. They both lived in Ohio, he in Blanchester and she in Cincinnati. Berry's occupation was farmer.⁵

Marie was born on 28 June 1900 in Budapest, Hungary to Joseph Beedy and Rosie Kamon.⁶ Her family immigrated to the U.S. in 1901.⁷

Berry and Marie had five children, all born in Genesee County, Michigan. James Leo was born on 21 August 1926, Ruth Marion on 5 January 1928, Richard Berry on 24 June 1930, Joyce Marie on 18 June 1938, and Jean Christine on 4 May 1944.⁸

By the time they settled in Flint, in Genesee County, where Berry worked in the automobile industry, he was going by his first name, Leo.⁹ He also bought houses to remodel and sell.¹⁰

In 1925 and 1926, Berry and Marie lived at 310 W. Eldridge Avenue. According to the Flint City Directory, they lived at 322 W. Eldridge in 1927. That could have been a typo as they were back at 310 in 1928.¹¹

In 1930, Berry and Marie lived at 3506 Chicago Boulevard in Flint.¹² From 1936 through 1938, they lived at 629 Carton Street and moved to 322 E. McClellan in 1939.¹³ Their residence was 1519 Detroit Street in 1940, but they lived at 412 Delia Street in 1942 and moved to 1419 Chippewa by 1947.¹⁴

Berry retired in 1963 after thirty-five years at Fisher Body, a division of General Motors.¹⁵

Marie died on 29 July 1965 at Hurley Hospital in Flint. They lived at 1362 E. Maple Road at the time of her death. Marie's funeral was held on 2 August at the Colonial Chapel of Reigle Funeral Home in Flint with burial in Evergreen Cemetery in Grand Blanc, Michigan.¹⁶

Berry died of colon cancer on 15 September 1988 at Crestmont Medical Care Facility in Fenton, Michigan, at age ninety. His funeral was held on the 17th at the Dodds-Dumanois-Pitts Funeral Home with Reverend Clifford Furness officiating. He was buried beside Marie in Evergreen Cemetery.¹⁷

James Leo Hopkins

Jim married Dorothy Marie Davis on 9 August 1958 in Flint, Michigan.¹⁸ Dorothy was born on 19 July 1923 in Flint, the daughter of Lloyd G. Davis and Viola D. Langlois. Jim and Dorothy had one daughter.¹⁹

Jim received a bachelor's degree from Michigan Normal Teachers College and served in the U.S. Army during World War II, including time in Germany. He worked for General Motors for forty-eight years and was a member of UAW #659.²⁰

Dorothy died on 19 January 2000 at their home in Flint. Jim died on 15 February 2008 at his residence in Swartz Creek, Michigan. They were both cremated.²¹

Ruth Marion Hopkins

Ruth married Robert Voltenburg on 25 September 1947 in Grand Blanc, Michigan.²² They divorced just over a year later on 13 December 1948 in Genesee County, Michigan.²³ Ruth married Leonard Leon Hawkins on 18 July 1949 in Steuben County, Indiana. Leonard was born on 12 September 1925 in Saginaw, Michigan, to Howard T. Hawkins and Helen Whitosky.²⁴ Ruth and Leonard had four children.²⁵

Leonard died on 25 February 1991 in Linden, Michigan, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Grand Blanc.²⁶ Ruth died on 8 August 2021.²⁷ She was probably also buried in Evergreen Cemetery.²⁸

Richard Berry Hopkins

Dick graduated from Michigan State Normal College with a Bachelor of Science degree and earned a master's in geography from the University of Michigan. He was a lifelong musician and could pick up any instrument and make it sound like he had been playing it for years.²⁹

Dick married Marian Opel on 24 July 1954 in Fraser, Michigan.³⁰ They settled in Winona, Minnesota, where Dick taught business education and geography at Winona State Teachers College from 1957–1987. They had two children.³¹

Dick died on 6 September 2021 in Winona at age ninety-one.³²

Joyce Marie Hopkins

Joyce worked for Western Union Telegraph Company, where she met James Paul Maurer.³³ They married on 4 May 1963 in Grand Blanc, Michigan. James was born on 2 November 1934 in Nashville, Michigan, the son of Herman Maurer and Katherine Ehrmann. Joyce and James had five children.³⁴

James died on 8 September 2020 in Jackson, Michigan.³⁵ Joyce died in Jackson on 20 October 2021. They were both buried in St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Jackson.³⁶

Jean Christine Hopkins

Jean married Avery Earl Carpenter on 1 March 1963 in Flint, Michigan.³⁷ Avery was born in Imperial, Nebraska, on 3 September 1933 to Avery Carpenter and Ruth Nothomb.³⁸ Jean and Avery lived in Fenton, Michigan, and had two children.³⁹

Avery died on 7 March 1989 in Flint. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Grand Blanc, Michigan.⁴⁰

Jean moved to Flint about ten years after Avery died. She worked as an assistant at the Genesee District Library and as a cashier for Ace Hardware in Grand Blanc.⁴¹

Jean died on 1 April 2018 in Flint. She was buried in Evergreen Cemetery beside Avery.⁴²

Endnotes for Leo Berry Hopkins

1. Lula M. Hopkins (FL), letter to Jean Hopkins Carpenter, 25 Nov 1970; copy held privately by Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY; family information Lula gave included Berry's birth date and place, named for mother's half brother.
2. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 20: 498-499, Joshua & S.Monie Dunn (grantor), J. A. Hopkins (grantee), 16 Mar 1904; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.
3. 1940 U.S. census, Genesee Co., MI, population schedule, Flint, enumeration district (ED) 86-89, sheet 9A, household 182, Leo B. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442> : accessed 30 Jul 2012); from NARA microfilm 627, roll 1894. Elmer Dennis Hopkins, son of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard; told he and siblings attended Red Bud School.
4. "U.S., Army Transport Service Arriving and Departing Passenger Lists, 1910-1939," digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61174> : accessed 24 May 2022), Outgoing > Desna > 27 May 1918-Oct 1921 > image 95, entry for Berry Hopkins; from Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774-1985, Record Group 92, NARA, College Park, MD.
5. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/007734471> : accessed 27 Jun 2022), digital film 007734471, image 335, Campbell Co., KY, Marriages, 106: 308, Berry Hopkins & Marie Beaty, 10 Feb 1922.
6. Marian Hopkins, daughter-in-law of Leo Berry Hopkins and Marie Beedy; birth date and place. *FamilySearch*, digital film 007734471, image 335, Campbell Co., KY, Marriages, Hopkins-Beaty; birth place Hungary, parents Jos, & Rose Beaty. "Michigan, U.S., Death Records, 1867-1952," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60872> : accessed 29 Sep 2022), death certificate no. 17-434 (1924), Frank Beedy; from MI Dept of Community Health, Lansing; mother's maiden name from Marie's brother's death certificate.
7. 1930 U.S. census, Chippewa Co., MI, population schedule, Raber Township, enumeration district (ED) 17-12, sheet 4A, dwelling 56, family 62, Joe Beedy; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 29 Sep 2022); from NARA microfilm T626; parent's record shows immigrated 1901.
8. "U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 20 Feb 2022), James Leo Hopkins, serial no. 539; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926-1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri; Jim's birth date and place. *Sharp Funeral Home & Cremation Center* (<https://sharpfuneralhomes.com> : accessed 24 Mar 2022), Ruth Marion Hawkins, obituary. *Hoff Funeral & Cremation Service* (<https://hofffuneral.com> : accessed 24 Mar 2022), Richard "Dick" Hopkins, obituary. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1969-1977); pg 10, Dick's and Joyce's middle names. *Desnoyer Funeral Home* (<https://desnoyerfuneralhome.com> : accessed 30 Sep 2022), Joyce M. Maurer, obituary. *Sharp Funeral Home & Cremation Center* (<https://sharpfuneralhomes.com> : accessed 30 Sep 2022), Jean Christine Carpenter, obituary.
9. Polk's Flint City Directory 1925 (Detroit, MI: R. L. Polk & Co.), p. 346, entry for Leo and Marie Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 31 May 2021) > Michigan > Flint > 1925 > Flint, Michigan City Directory, 1925> image 173. MI Dept of Health and Human Services, death certificate no. 53838 (1988), Leo B. Hopkins; MI Vital Records Office, Lansing.
10. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard.
11. Polk's Flint City Directory 1925, p. 346, entry for Leo and Marie Hopkins. Polk's Flint City Directory 1926 (Detroit, MI: R. L. Polk & Co.), p. 376, entry for Leo and Marie Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 31 May 2021) > Michigan > Flint > 1925 > Flint, Michigan City Directory, 1925> image 189. Polk's Flint City Directory 1927 (Detroit, MI: R. L. Polk & Co.), p. 430, entry for Leo and Marie Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 31 May 2021) > Michigan > Flint > 1927 > Flint, Michigan City Directory, 1927> image 226. Polk's Flint City Directory 1928 (Detroit, MI: R. L. Polk & Co.), p. 474, entry for Leo and Marie Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 31 May 2021) > Michigan > Flint > 1928 > Flint, Michigan City Directory, 1928> image 247.
12. Polk's Flint City Directory 1930 (Detroit, MI: R. L. Polk & Co.), p. 416, entry for Leo and Marie Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 31 May 2021) > Michigan > Flint > 1930 > Flint, Michigan City Directory, 1930> image 216.
13. Polk's Flint City Directory 1936 (Detroit, MI: R. L. Polk & Co.), p. 386, entry for Leo and Marie Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 31 May 2021) > Michigan > Flint > 1936 > Flint, Michigan City Directory, 1936> image 196. Polk's Flint City Directory 1938 (Detroit, MI: R. L. Polk & Co.), p. 435, entry for Leo and Marie Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 31 May 2021) >

Michigan > Flint > 1938 > Flint, Michigan City Directory, 1938> image 219. Polk's Flint City Directory 1939 (Detroit, MI: R. L. Polk & Co.), p. 408, entry for Leo and Marie Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 31 May 2021) > Michigan > Flint > 1939 > Flint, Michigan City Directory, 1939> image 202.

14. 1940 U.S. census, Genesee Co., MI, pop. sch., Flint, ED 86-89, sheet 9A, hhld 182, Leo B. Hopkins. "U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 20 Feb 2022), Leo Berry Hopkins, serial no. 667; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926-1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri; 1942 address. Polk's Flint City Directory 1947 (Detroit, MI: R. L. Polk & Co.), p. 287, entry for Leo and Marie Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469> : accessed 31 May 2021) > Michigan > Flint > 1947 > Flint, Michigan City Directory, 1947> image 145.

15. "Flint-Fenton, Leo B. Hopkins," *Flint (MI) Journal*, 16 Sep 1988, p. D3, col. 6; digital image, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 27 Jun 2022).

16. "Obituary and Funeral Notices, Hopkins, Marie B.," *Flint (MI) Journal*, 1 Aug 1965, p. 67, col. 1; digital image, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 27 Jun 2022).

17. MI Dept of Health and Human Services, death certificate no. 53838 (1988), Leo B. Hopkins; cause of death. "Flint-Fenton, Leo B. Hopkins," *Flint Journal*, 16 Sep 1988.

18. *Flint (MI) Journal* (<http://www.mlive.com/flintjournal/>), "James L. Hopkins (obituary)," 16 Feb 2008, online archives.

Endnotes for James Leo Hopkins

19. "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 16 Aug 2022), Dorothy Marie Davis, SSN 383-18-6546; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936-2007.

20. *Flint Journal* (<http://www.mlive.com/flintjournal/>), "James L. Hopkins (obituary)," 16 Feb 2008.

21. "Dorothy M. Hopkins," *Flint (MI) Journal*, 22 Jan 2000, p. A12, col. 6; digital image, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 30 Sep 2022). *Flint Journal* (<http://www.mlive.com/flintjournal/>), "James L. Hopkins (obituary)," 16 Feb 2008.

Endnotes for Ruth Marion Hopkins

22. "Michigan, U.S., Marriage Records, 1867-1952," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/9093> : accessed 30 Sep 2022), Ruth M. Hopkins & Robert Voltenburg, 25 Sep 1947, Grand Blanc; MI Marriage Records 1867-1952, MI Dept. of Community Health, Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics, Lansing.

23. "Michigan, U.S., Divorce Records, 1897-1952," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/9092> : accessed 30 Sep 2022), Ruth Hopkins Voltenburg & Robert Voltenburg, 13 Dec 1948, Genesee Co.; MI Divorce Records, MI Dept. of Community Health, Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics, Lansing.

24. *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/film/005329167> : accessed 30 Sep 2022), digital film 005329167, image 920, Steuben Co., IN, Marriages, 95: 171, Ruth Hopkins & Leonard Hawkins, 18 Jul 1949.

25. *Sharp Funeral Home & Cremation Center*, Ruth Marion Hawkins, obituary.

26. "Michigan, U.S., Death Index, 1971-1996," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3171> : accessed 30 Sep 2022), Leonard L. Hawkins, 1991, Genesee Co.; from Michigan Death Index, Dept. of Vital and Health Records, Lansing. *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 30 Sep 2022), memorial 81113969, for Leonard L. Hawkins, (Evergreen Cemetery, Grand Blanc, Genesee Co., MI), digital image, 27 Nov 2011, by Ellinda.

27. *Sharp Funeral Home & Cremation Center*, Ruth Marion Hawkins, obituary.

28. *Find A Grave*, memorial 81113969, for Leonard L. Hawkins, gravestone photo by Ellinder; photo shows a double headstone for Leonard and Ruth. Her obituary does not mention interment.

Endnotes for Richard Berry Hopkins

29. *Hoff Funeral & Cremation Service*, Richard "Dick" Hopkins, obituary.

30. Marian Opel Hopkins, wife of Richard Berry Hopkins.

31. *Hoff Funeral & Cremation Service*, Richard “Dick” Hopkins, obituary.

32. *Hoff Funeral & Cremation Service*, Richard “Dick” Hopkins, obituary.

Endnotes for Joyce Marie Hopkins

33. *Desnoyer Funeral Home*, Joyce M. Maurer, obituary.

34. *Desnoyer Funeral Home* (<https://desnoyerfuneralhome.com> : accessed 30 Sep 2022), James Paul Maurer, obituary.

35. *Desnoyer Funeral Home*, James Paul Maurer, obituary.

36. *Desnoyer Funeral Home*, Joyce M. Maurer, obituary and James Paul Maurer, obituary.

Endnotes for Jean Christine Carpenter

37. *Sharp Funeral Home & Cremation Center*, Jean Christine Carpenter, obituary.

38. “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 30 Sep 2022), Avery Earl Carpenter, Jr., SSN 507-34-4001; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007.

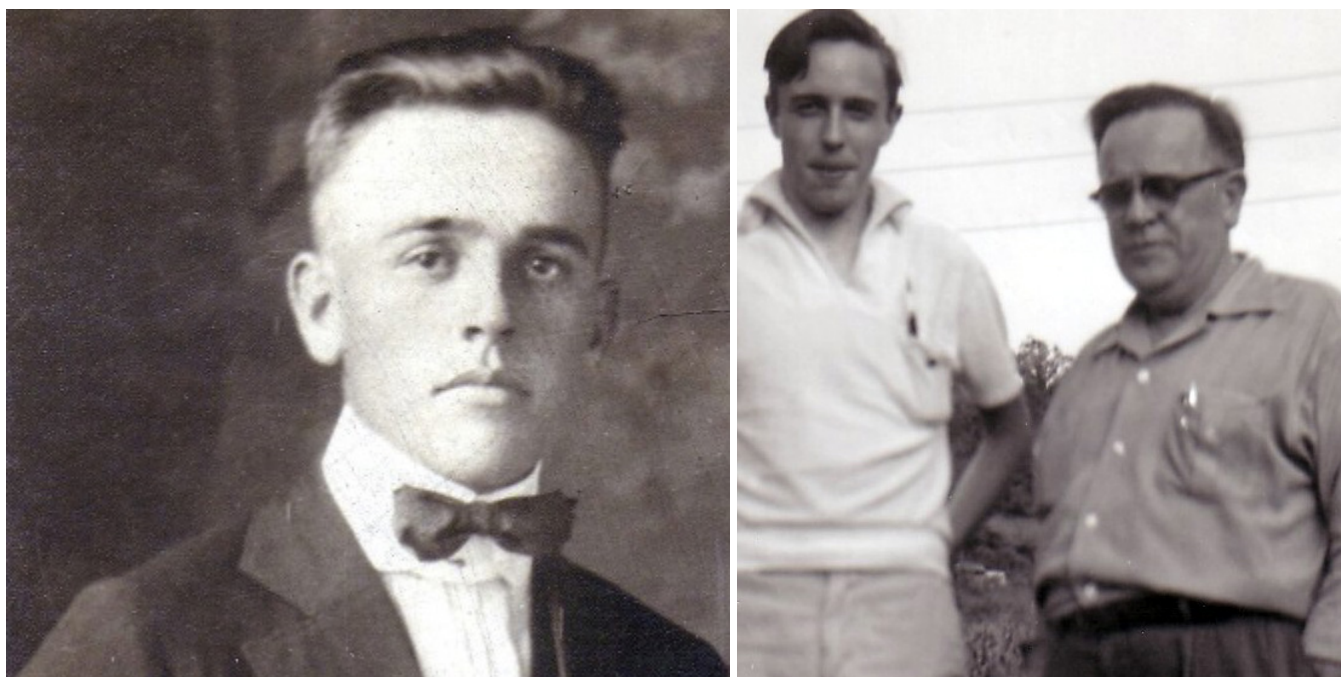
39. *Sharp Funeral Home & Cremation Center*, Jean Christine Carpenter, obituary.

40. “Fenton, Carpenter, Avery E.,” *Flint (MI) Journal*, 8 Mar 1989, p. B5, col. 1; digital image, *GenealogyBank* (<https://www.genealogybank.com> : accessed 30 Sep 2022).

41. *Sharp Funeral Home & Cremation Center*, Jean Christine Carpenter, obituary.

42. *Sharp Funeral Home & Cremation Center*, Jean Christine Carpenter, obituary.

Howard Doctor Hopkins



Left: Doc; Right: Dockie & Doc

The order of Doc's first and middle names differs depending on who you ask or where you look. His military and marriage records have his name as Howard D.¹ Most clarifying, he signed his name as Howard Doc Hopkins when he registered for the World War II draft on 16 February 1942.²

Howard Doctor Hopkins was born on 26 January 1900 in Wallins Creek, Kentucky. He was the seventh child and son of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard.³ Some records show his birth year as 1899.⁴ Since he was listed as 4 months old with the birth month and year January 1900 in the 1900 census, 1900 is most likely the correct year.⁵ The family moved to Brodhead in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, four years later.⁶

At nine years old, Doc had a mild case of typhoid and had to stay in bed. His older brother Henry bought a guitar while he was in the service and left it for the younger kids to play with. His mother would not let him hold it in bed, but he laid it beside him and picked around on it. After he recovered, he continued working with the guitar and gradually learned to play.⁷

Doc and the other children helped on the family farm. They usually had fifty acres of corn and a hayfield to cultivate every year. Doc's first job, at eleven or twelve years old, was at a stone quarry in Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, working as a shaker for steel drivers. He walked nearly four miles and worked all day for 30 cents. He also picked blackberries and walked three or four miles to take them to market, getting ten cents a gallon for them.⁸

Doc served in the U.S. Army during World War I, enlisting on 22 April 1917.⁹ He was a Sergeant in Company A of the 305th Infantry with the Expeditionary Forces in France. Doc returned from Brest, France, aboard the RMS Aquitania, departing on 18 April 1919 and arriving in New York City on 24 April.¹⁰ He was discharged on 7 May 1919.¹¹

On 31 December 1920 in Detroit, Michigan, Doc enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps. He was assigned to the Marine Barracks at the Naval Station in New Orleans, Louisiana, on 2 January 1921. He failed to return from an authorized liberty on 4 May and was flagged as a deserter until he turned himself in on 28 August 1921. Doc was tried by Summary Court Martial on 7 September and sentenced to bread and water for 30 days with full rations every third day and loss of pay amounting to \$90. He served that sentence from the 13th to 20th and was released from confinement and restored to duty on 21 September.¹²

Doc left New Orleans on 1 October 1921 for a transfer to the Marine Barracks at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida. He remained in Pensacola until his discharge on 30 December 1923.¹³

Doc, considered the best guitar player in Rockcastle County at a early age, entertained at community gatherings with his guitar playing and singing.¹⁴ At some point after he completed his service in the Marines, Doc returned to Rockcastle County even though his parents had moved to Ohio in 1921.¹⁵ Only his brother Lige still lived in Rockcastle County by then.¹⁶ Doc worked as a barber and could often be found playing music with Karl Davis and Hartford Taylor, either in Davis's barn or at Taylor's father's blacksmith shop.¹⁷ Hartford was Doc's brother Elmer's brother-in-law.¹⁸

Doc, Karl, and Hartford formed a group called the Krazy Kats. Karl played on a basketball team that toured around to Somerset, Danville, Louisville, and other places in the area. The Krazy Kats traveled with them and played between halves. Doc did most of the singing and played a Hawaiian guitar. Harty played second guitar, Karl and Simmy Sell, who also joined the group, played mandolin.¹⁹ In 1929, the Krazy Kats had a regular gig on WHAS radio in Louisville, Kentucky.²⁰

Doc left WHAS and returned to Pensacola for a short time, where he played on radio station WCOA. He played the Hawaiian guitar there with Harlan Bobe, who played the harp guitar.²¹ In 1930, Doc lived in a boarding house at 316 Guillemard Street in Pensacola. His occupation was reported as a construction worker in the census.²²

From Pensacola, Doc went to Ohio, probably near his parents around Blanchester, and worked as a barber.²³ About 1930, Karl and Harty moved to Chicago and John Lair, another Rockcastle Countian, was promoting them. He talked Doc into coming to Chicago, too. Karl and Harty were already working on WLS radio. and, after an audition, Doc joined them. Lair added a fiddle player named Gene Ruppe and created the Cumberland Ridge Runners. They performed on the National Barn Dance on Saturday nights and Doc also performed on the Swift's Hour on WLS.²⁴

Doc was described as a smooth-voiced balladeer with a storehouse of traditional material. In addition to the Hawaiian guitar, he played guitar, banjo, and mandolin. Doc recorded his first solo album for Paramount in December 1931. He later recorded for American Record Corporation and Decca between 1936 and 1941.²⁵ Doc left WLS when they could not agree on contract terms. He next worked at the NBC radio station in Chicago on the Mountain Ministry and Farm and Home Hour shows. From there, he had a daily broadcast on WMAQ in Chicago until the Georgie Porgie Breakfast Food Company made him an offer. That took him to Kansas City, Missouri, to work on WHB radio around 1932.²⁶

From Kansas City, Doc moved to Detroit to work for Crazy Water Crystals Company. He worked on WJR radio there and on CKLW in Windsor, Ontario, for a short time, possibly around the time he married Mary Agnes Locke.²⁷ When Doc and Mary married in Kansas City on 10 August 1933, he gave Wayne County, Michigan, as his residence on their marriage license.²⁸

Mary was born on 6 March 1899 in Missouri, the daughter of Ernest N. Locke and Agnes Burns.²⁹ Doc and Mary had one child, a son named Howard Doctor Hopkins, Jr.³⁰ He was born on 27 June 1934 in Missouri and the family called him Dockie.³¹

Doc returned to WHB in Kansas City, this time with the Crazy Water Crystals Company as his sponsor. He stayed there until the Cumberland Ridge Runners left WLS about 1935 for WJJD in Chicago.³²

By this time, the group members were Slim Miller, Karl, and Harty. Doc re-joined them, performing on the Supertime Frolic. Their sponsors on WJJD were Peruna (tonic) and Kolorbak (hair dye) and the group got thousands of letters a week asking for photographs.³³ Doc and Harty played guitar, Karl played mandolin, and Slim played the fiddle. They were all paid union scale, which was around \$90 a week at the time. WJJD was a daylight station, meaning it signed off at dark. The Supertime Frolic was the last two hours before they signed off. In summer, they were on until about 8:30 but went off at 6:00 during the winter.³⁴

Doc and Mary lived at 1072 West Thorndale Avenue in Chicago, Illinois in 1940. Doc was still working as a musician in radio broadcasting, but the station is unknown.³⁵ They lived at 1451 Rosemont Avenue in Chicago in February 1942 and Doc worked for WLS, so that may have been where he worked in 1940.³⁶ He hosted the morning wake-up show and again performed on the National Barn Dance.³⁷

Doc retired from the radio business in Chicago around 1950.³⁸ At the time of the 1950 census, Doc, Mary, and Dockie still lived at 1451 Rosemont Avenue. Doc worked as a scraper in name plate manufacturing, and Mary worked as a department store sales clerk.³⁹

Doc spent about ten years on the west coast, mostly in the 1960s. He played personal appearances and worked in the music industry there until he returned to Chicago. Mary and Dockie remained in Chicago during that time.⁴⁰

Doc died on 3 January 1988 at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, Cook County, Illinois.⁴¹ Mary died on 13 March 1999.⁴² They were both buried in Calvary Cemetery in Evanston.⁴³

Twenty-seven years after he died, Doc was inducted into the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame with the 2015 class. The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum opened in 2002 in Renfro Valley in Rockcastle County with the purpose of honoring Kentucky performers, songwriters, publishers, promoters, broadcasters, comedians, and other professionals who made a significant contribution to the music industry in Kentucky and around the world. Doc was part of the seventh group of inductees, which included Brian Littrell and Kevin Richardson of The Backstreet Boys and Montgomery Gentry.⁴⁴ Doc's nephew Kenneth Helton Hopkins was instrumental in getting him included in the 2015 class.⁴⁵

Howard Doctor Hopkins, Jr.

Dockie served in the U.S. military from 26 November 1956 to 19 November 1958.⁴⁶ He married Eileen Frances Brady, daughter of John F. Brady and Grace E. Hamlin. Eileen was born on 30 July 1928 in San Francisco, California.⁴⁷ They had two daughters.⁴⁸

He worked for Chicago & North Western Railroad starting in September 1964.⁴⁹ He later worked as a systems analyst in the manufacturing industry.⁵⁰

Dockie died of pneumonitis and sepsis on 14 June 1985 at Skokie Valley Community Hospital in Cook County, Illinois, at age fifty. He was buried in Calvary Cemetery, where his parents were later buried.⁵¹ Eileen died on 2 November 1995 in Chicago. She was also buried in Calvary Cemetery.⁵²

Endnotes for Howard Doctor Hopkins

1. "U.S., Army Transport Service Arriving and Departing Passenger Lists, 1910–1939," digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61174> : accessed 24 May 2022), Incoming > Agquitania > 18 Apr 1919–24 Apr 1919 > image 672, entry for Howard D. Hopkins; from Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774–1985, Record Group 92, NARA, College Park, MD. "Missouri, U.S., Jackson County Marriage Records, 1840–1985," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8700>: accessed 12 Dec 2016), Howard D. Hopkins & Mary A. Locke, 10 Aug 1933; Marriage Records, Jackson County Clerk, Kansas City, MO.
2. "U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 20 Feb 2022), Howard Doc Hopkins, serial no. 1616; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri.
3. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (KY, Loyall, 1969–1977), scanned copy of fill-in-the-blanks family history privately held by Linda F. McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY; Linda is Emma's granddaughter; pg 10, birthdate. Elmer Dennis Hopkins, son of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard; he and all siblings born before the move to Rockcastle were born at Wallins Creek.
4. "U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947," Howard Doc Hopkins, serial no. 1616. "U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850–2010," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2441> : accessed 2 Jul 2022), Howard D. Hopkins, SSN 337-05-5475; from "Beneficiary Identification Records Locator Subsystem (BIRLS) Death File," U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C.
5. 1900 U.S. census, Harlan Co., KY, pop. sch., Wallins Creek, ED 54, p. 94A, dwell. 147, fam. 147, James Hopkins.
6. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 20: 498–499, Joshua & S. Monie Dunn (grantor), J. A. Hopkins (grantee), 16 Mar 1904; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.
7. Interview with Doc Hopkins, 11 Jun 1974, OH74; Oral History Collection, Frist Library and Archive of the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, Nashville, TN; transcript provided by FLA.
8. Interview with Doc Hopkins, 11 Jun 1974, OH74; FLA, Nashville.
9. "U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850–2010," Howard D. Hopkins, SSN 337-05-5475.
10. "U.S., Army Transport Service Arriving and Departing Passenger Lists, 1910–1939," entry for Howard D. Hopkins.
11. "U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850–2010," Howard D. Hopkins, SSN 337-05-5475.
12. "U.S. Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798–1958," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1089> : accessed 12 Oct 2022), Howard D. Hopkins, 1920–1923; from "U.S. Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1893–1958," T977, Record Group 127, NARA, Washington, D.C.
13. "U.S. Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798–1958," Howard D. Hopkins, 1920–1923.
14. "Last of Ridgerunners Dies," *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 14 Jan 1988, p. 1, col. 4; digital image, *Rockcastle County Public Library* (<https://signal.rockcastlelibrary.org> : accessed 23 Sep 2022), *Mount Vernon Signal* Archives.
15. *Warren County, Ohio, Recorder* (<https://ohwarren.fidlar.com/OHWarren/AvaWeb/#/search> : accessed 10 May 2022), digital images, Deed Book 110: 305, Charles & Katherine M. Deck (grantor), James A. Hopkins (grantee), 19 Dec 1921.
16. Linda F. McCauley, "Elijah L. Hopkins," *Documenting the Details*, 10 Oct 2022 (<https://documentingthedetails.com/elhopkins> : accessed 13 Oct 2022).
17. Interview with Doc Hopkins, 11 Jun 1974, OH74; FLA, Nashville; worked as barber in Mt. Vernon. "Last of Ridgerunners Dies," *Mt. Vernon (KY) Signal*, 14 Jan 1988, p. 1, col. 4; digital image, *Rockcastle County Public Library* (<https://signal.rockcastlelibrary.org> : accessed 23 Sep 2022), *Mount Vernon Signal* Archives.
18. Linda Faye McCauley, great-granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard; personal knowledge.
19. Interview with Doc Hopkins, 11 Jun 1974, OH74; FLA, Nashville.
20. Paul Kingsbury, editor, *The Encyclopedia of Country Music* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 1998); pg 247.
21. Interview with Doc Hopkins, 11 Jun 1974, OH74; FLA, Nashville.
22. 1930 U.S. census, Escambia Co., FL, population schedule, Pensacola, enumeration district (ED) 17-16, sheet 24A, dwelling NA, family 393, Howard D. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 12 Oct 2009); from NARA microfilm T626.
23. Interview with Doc Hopkins, 11 Jun 1974, OH74; FLA, Nashville.

24. Interview with Doc Hopkins, 11 Jun 1974, OH74; FLA, Nashville.
25. Paul Kingsbury, editor, *The Encyclopedia of Country Music*; pg 247.
26. Interview with Doc Hopkins, 11 Jun 1974, OH74; FLA, Nashville.
27. Interview with Doc Hopkins, 11 Jun 1974, OH74; FLA, Nashville.
28. “Missouri, U.S., Jackson County Marriage Records, 1840-1985,” Howard D. Hopkins & Mary A. Locke, 10 Aug 1933.
29. “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 16 Aug 2022), Mary L. Hopkins, SSN 288-30-8987; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007; date of birth. 1930 U.S. census, Jackson Co., MO, population schedule, Kansas City, enumeration district (ED) 48-213, sheet 14B, dwelling 256, family 256, Ernest N. Locke; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 23 Sep 2022); from NARA microfilm T626; birthplace and parents. “Missouri, U.S., Marriage Records, 1805-2002,” digital image, *Ancestry* ([ancestry.com/search/collections/1171](https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1171): accessed 23 Sep 2022), Ernest N. Lock & Agnes A. Burnes, 18 Nov 1903; Missouri Marriage Records, Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City; mother’s maiden name.
30. “Last of Ridgerunners Dies,” Mt. Vernon Signal, 14 Jan 1988.
31. “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 16 Aug 2022), Howard Doctor Hopkins, SSN 526-72-7187; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007; birth date and place. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard; nickname Dockie.
32. Interview with Doc Hopkins, 11 Jun 1974, OH74; FLA, Nashville. Paul Kingsbury, editor, *The Encyclopedia of Country Music*; pg 247; 1935.
33. Interview with Doc Hopkins, 11 Jun 1974, OH74; FLA, Nashville.
34. Interview with Karl Davis, 9 Jun 1974, OH42; Oral History Collection, Frist Library and Archive of the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, Nashville, TN; transcript provided by FLA.
35. 1940 U.S. census, Cook Co., IL, population schedule, Chicago, enumeration district (ED) 103-3174A, sheet 10A, household 296, Howard D. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442> : accessed 30 Jul 2022); from NARA microfilm 627, roll 01021.
36. “U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947,” Howard Doc Hopkins, serial no. 1616.
37. Paul Kingsbury, editor, *The Encyclopedia of Country Music*; pg 247.
38. Interview with Doc Hopkins, 11 Jun 1974, OH74; FLA, Nashville.
39. 1950 U.S. census, Cook Co., IL, population schedule, Chicago, enumeration district (ED) 103-4891, sheet 9, dwelling 117, lines 19-21, Howard D. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62308> : accessed 12 Jul 2022); from NARA, 1950 Census (<https://1950Census.archives.gov/search>).
40. Interview with Doc Hopkins, 11 Jun 1974, OH74; FLA, Nashville.
41. “U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010,” Howard D. Hopkins, SSN 337-05-5475; death date. “Doctor Howard Hopkins, country and folk singer,” 1988; death location.
42. “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” Mary L. Hopkins, SSN 288-30-8987.
43. “Hopkins,” *Chicago (IL) Tribune*, 6 Jan 1988, p. 30, col. 2; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 10 Jun 2022). “Hopkins,” *Chicago (IL) Tribune*, 1 Aug 1999, p. 95, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 10 Jun 2022).
44. “KMHF Inductees,” *Kentucky Music Hall of Fame* (<https://www.kentuckymusichalloffame.com/induction/> : accessed 23 Sep 2022), 2002 Inductees.
45. Linda Faye McCauley, great-granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard; personal knowledge.

Endnotes for Howard Doctor Hopkins, Jr.

46. “U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2441> : accessed 2 Jul 2022), Howard D. Hopkins, SSN 338-28-6813; from “Beneficiary Identification Records Locator Subsystem (BIRLS) Death File,” U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C.

47. “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 16 Aug 2022), Eileen Frances Brady, SSN 318-22-4834; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007; parents, birth date & place, & middle name.

48. “Hopkins,” *Chicago (IL) Tribune*, 16 Jun 1985, p. 29, col. 5; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 10 Jun 2022); Howard D. Hopkins, Jr obituary; wife Eileen, two daughters. “Hopkins,” *Chicago (IL) Tribune*, 5 Nov 1995, p. 133, col. 1; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 10 Jun 2022); Eileen F. Hopkins obituary; same daughters in Howard Jr’s obituary.

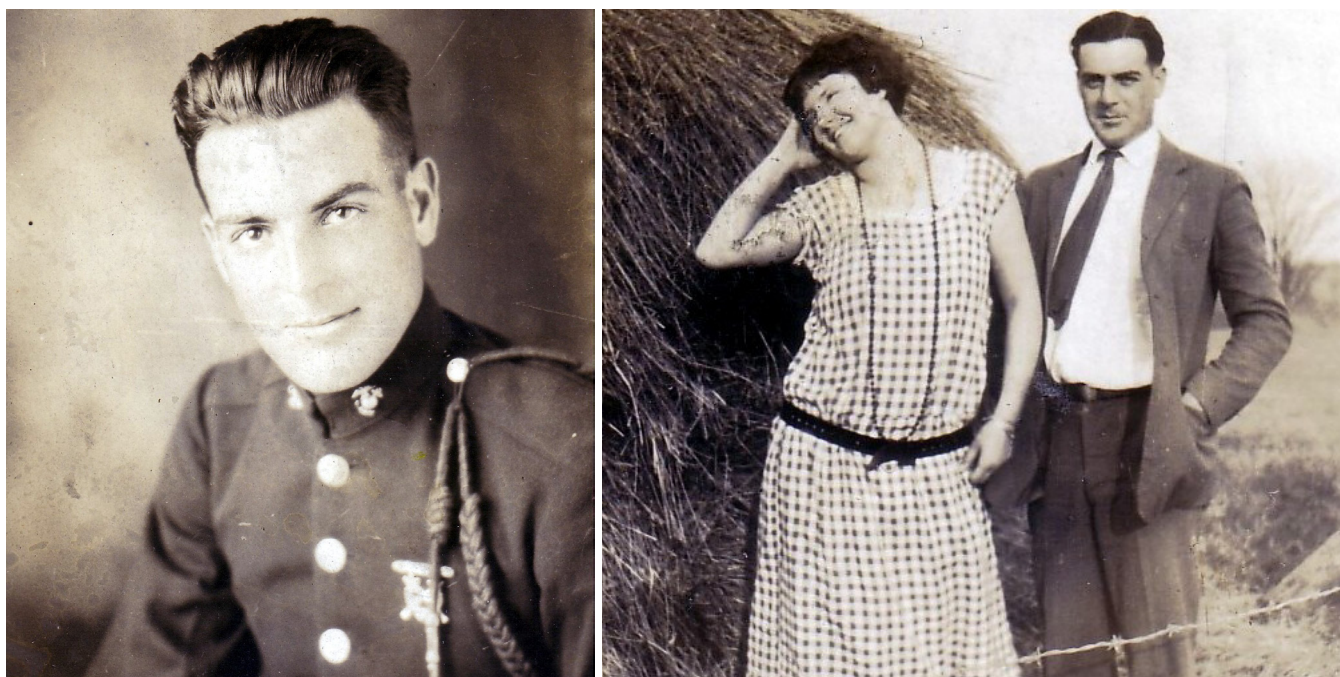
49. “U.S., Chicago and North Western Railroad Employment Records, 1935-1970,” digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6944>: accessed 23 Sep 2022), Howard Doctor Hopkins, hire date Sep 1964; Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway Employee Records. Chicago & North Western Historical Society, Berwyn, Illinois.

50. “Historical Cook County, Illinois Vital Records,” digital images, *Cook County Clerk* (<https://www.cookcountygenealogy.com/> : accessed 13 Dec 2016), death certificate no. 85-036748 (1985), Howard Doctor Hopkins, Jr.; Illinois Vital Records, Chicago; death certificates no longer available online from this site.

51. “Historical Cook County, Illinois Vital Records,” death certificate no. 85-036748 (1985), Howard Doctor Hopkins, Jr.

52. “Hopkins,” *Chicago Tribune*, 5 Nov 1995.

General Grant Hopkins



Left: Grant; Right: Daisy & Grant

General Grant Hopkins was born in Wallins Creek, Kentucky, on 2 August 1902 and was less than two years old when the family left Harlan County for Rockcastle County, Kentucky.¹ He finished the eighth grade at Red Bud School and worked on the farm for his father.² In 1919, Grant joined a carnival as a clown and trapeze act for two years and traveled through Canada.³

On 16 June 1921, Grant joined the U.S. Marine Corp at Parris Island, South Carolina. He joined under the assumed name Oll Marrott.⁴ He supposedly planned to save some money and then desert to attend a photo engraving school in St. Louis, but that did not work out.⁵ He sailed from Charleston, South Carolina, to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on 25 August 1921 aboard the U.S.S. Henderson. He arrived on the 31st. Grant spent two years in Santo Domingo, much of that time as a messman or cook 3rd class.⁶ Any serious plans he had for deserting were quashed by his location on an island.

On 4 April 1923, Grant again boarded the U.S.S. Henderson for a return to the United States. He arrived at Quantico, Virginia, on 13 April 1923 where he was stationed until June 1924. After serving for three years, Grant was discharged on 16 June at Cincinnati, Ohio.⁷

Grant's parents moved to Warren County, Ohio, while he was in the Marines, and that is where he went after his discharge.⁸ In 1926, he married Daisy L. Hollan, daughter of Thomas C. Hollon and Dora B. Rose.⁹ Daisy was born on 22 December 1905 in Hollonville, a small community in Wolfe County, Kentucky.¹⁰ By 1920, the Hollons lived in Salem Township in Warren County, Ohio.¹¹

Grant and Daisy had two sons, Gerald and Jack.¹² Both survive.¹³

In 1930, Grant and Daisy lived on rental property in Harlan Township. They were listed in that census next to his parents.¹⁴ On 23 October 1936, Grant bought 107 acres located on Goshen and Wilmington Pike in the general area where his parents lived.¹⁵ Grant farmed and worked as a milk hauler.¹⁶

Grant and Daisy sold the farm on 28 August 1946 and moved to Tucson, Arizona.¹⁷ He worked as a carpenter, building houses and apartments.¹⁸ In 1950, they lived at 140 E. Navajo Road and later moved to 266 W. Navajo Road.¹⁹

Grant died of terminal uremia due to localized multiple myeloma at Hillcrest Medical Center in Tucson on 9 March 1963. He was sixty years old. Grant was buried on 13 March 1963 in South Lawn Memorial Park in Tucson.²⁰ Daisy died on 25 January 1999 and was buried next to Grant.²¹

Endnotes for General Grant Hopkins

1. "U.S. World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238> : accessed 20 Feb 2022), Grant Hopkins, serial no. 255; from Records of the Selective Service System, 1926–1975, Record Group 147, NARA, St Louis, Missouri; birth date and location. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 20: 498-499, Joshua & S.Monie Dunn (grantor), J. A. Hopkins (grantee), 16 Mar 1904; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon.
2. 1940 U.S. census, Warren Co., OH, population schedule, Harlan Township, enumeration district (ED) 83-18, sheet 7B, household 147, Grant Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442> : accessed 30 Jul 2012); from NARA microfilm 627, roll 3164; highest grade completed 8. Elmer Dennis Hopkins, son of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard; told he and his siblings attend Red Bud School in Rockcastle County.
3. Gerald Grant Hopkins, son of Grant and Daisy Hollan Hopkins.
4. "U.S. Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1089> : accessed 2 Jul 2022), Oll Marrott, 1921-1924; from "U.S. Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1893-1958," T977, Record Group 127, NARA, Washington, D.C.
5. Gerald Grant Hopkins, son of Grant and Daisy Hollan Hopkins; story told to Gerald by his father; Gerald has Grant's dog tags with the name Oll Marrott.
6. "U.S. Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958," Oll Marrott, 1921-1924.
7. "U.S. Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958," Oll Marrott, 1921-1924.
8. *Warren County, Ohio, Recorder* (<https://ohwarren.fidlar.com/OHWarren/AvaWeb/#/search> : accessed 10 May 2022), digital images, Deed Book 110: 305, Charles & Katherine M. Deck (grantor), James A. Hopkins (grantee), 19 Dec 1921.
9. Gerald Grant Hopkins, son of Grant and Daisy Hollan Hopkins; year married.
10. "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901> : accessed 16 Aug 2022), Daisy L Hopkins, SSN 526-72-7187; from Social Security Applications and Claims, 1936–2007; birth date and location, parents' names.
11. 1920 U.S. census, Warren Co., OH, population schedule, Salem Township, enumeration district (ED) 265, sheet 8B, dwelling n/a, family 180, Thomas C. Hollon; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061> : accessed 22 Aug 2009); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 1447.
12. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (KY, Loyall, 1969-1977), scanned copy of fill-in-the-blanks family history privately held by Linda F. McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY; Linda is Emma's granddaughter.
13. Linda Faye McCauley, great-granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard; personal knowledge.
14. 1930 U.S. census, Warren Co., OH, population schedule, Harlan Township, enumeration district (ED) 83-14, sheet 4B, dwelling 102, family 103, Grant Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 22 Aug 2009); from NARA microfilm T626, roll 1890.
15. *Warren County, Ohio, Recorder* (<https://ohwarren.fidlar.com/OHWarren/AvaWeb/#/search> : accessed 10 May 2022), digital images, Deed Book 132: 279, John Schnell, Virgil & Carrie Hutchens (grantor), Grant Hopkins (grantee), 23 Oct 1936.
16. Gerald Grant Hopkins, son of Grant and Daisy Hollan Hopkins.
17. *Warren County, Ohio, Recorder* (<https://ohwarren.fidlar.com/OHWarren/AvaWeb/#/search> : accessed 10 May 2022), digital images, Deed Book 168: 165, Grant & Daisy Hopkins (grantor), Anton, Barbara, Nicholas, & John Gehler (grantee), 31 Aug 1946.
18. Gerald Grant Hopkins, son of Grant and Daisy Hollan Hopkins.
19. 1950 U.S. census, Pima Co., AZ, population schedule, Amphitheater, enumeration district (ED) 10-72, sheet 75, dwelling 94, lines 19-21, Grant Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62308> : accessed 12 Jul 2022); from NARA, 1950 Census (<https://1950Census.archives.gov/search>). "Grant Hopkins," *Arizona Daily Star* (Tucson, AZ), 12 Mar 1963, p. 21, col. 7; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 1 Jul 2022); 266 W Navajo, residence at Grant's death.
20. "Arizona, U.S., Death Records, 1887-1960," digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8704> : accessed 20 Feb 2022), death certificate no. 3046 (1963), Grant Hopkins; from AZ Dept. of Health Services, Phoenix.
21. *Find a Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : viewed 5 Jun 2022), memorial 197472601, for Daisy L. Hollon Hopkins, (South Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Tucson, Pima County, AZ), digital image, 11 Mar 2019, by Tdcolb.

Lula Mae Hopkins



Left: Jim, Lula, and Cindy; Right: Lula

Lula Mae Hopkins was the only daughter among the ten children born to James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Hopkins. She was born on 26 November 1904, near Brodhead in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.¹

Lula apparently finished high school, because the 1945 Florida state census indicates she attended one year of college.² In 1920, when the family still lived in Rockcastle County, she was fifteen years old and attending school.³ They moved to Warren County, Ohio, two years later.⁴ At age seventeen when the family moved to Ohio, she could have graduated in either location.

About 1925, Lula married Tom Kelley, but they did not live together for long, if ever. By 1930, she lived with her parents in Warren County. She was listed as married and with the Kelley surname but without her husband.⁵ It is unclear if Lula and Tom divorced or simply separated. No record of either their marriage or their divorce has been found. Her marital status in the 1950 census is separated.⁶

Lula's oldest brother, John, settled in Tampa, Florida, after he retired from the U.S. Army in 1936. Lula joined him in Tampa at some point, probably before 1940.⁷ She was not listed with her mother in 1940 and neither she nor John have been found in that census.⁸ Lula definitely lived with John by 1943 when their niece Edna Hopkins got married at their 802 East Hanna Avenue residence.⁹ They lived on Hanna Avenue until at least 1957 and moved to 1427 E. Paris Street by summer 1960.¹⁰

Lula died at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa on 18 October 1989, a few weeks before her eighty-fifth birthday.¹¹ All her siblings preceded her in death.¹² Lula was buried beside John in Garden of Memories Cemetery in Tampa.¹³

Endnotes for Lula Mae Hopkins

1. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (KY, Loyall, 1969-1977), scanned copy of fill-in-the-blanks family history privately held by Linda F. McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY; Linda is Emma's granddaughter; p. 8 & 10; nine brothers, date of birth. "Lula M. Hopkins," *Tampa (FL) Tribune*, 20 Oct 1989, p. 20, col. 3; digital image, *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com> : accessed 3 Aug 2020); birthplace.
2. 1945 FL state census, Hillsborough Co., FL, population census, Precinct 37, Sheet #36, John Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1506> : accessed 5 May 2022); from microfilm series S 1371, State Library and Archives of Florida, Tallahassee.
3. 1920 U.S. census, Rockcastle Co., KY, population schedule, South Brodhead, enumeration district (ED) 248, sheet 16A, dwelling 299, family 300, James A. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061> : accessed 22 Aug 2009); from NARA microfilm T625, roll 595.
4. Rockcastle Co., KY, Deed Book 43: 15-16, J. A. & Lucinda Hopkins (grantor), Tim Pennington (grantee), 26 Nov 1921; Rockcastle Co. Clerk, Mt. Vernon. *Warren County, Ohio, Recorder* (<https://ohwarren.fidlar.com/OHWarren/AvaWeb/#/search> : accessed 10 May 2022), digital images, Deed Book 110: 305, Charles & Katherine M. Deck (grantor), James A. Hopkins (grantee), 19 Dec 1921.
5. Grant Hopkins (MI) to Linda McCauley, letter and family group sheets, dated 28 Feb 2004; privately held by Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY; husband's name. 1930 U.S. census, Warren Co., OH, population schedule, Harlan Township, enumeration district (ED) 83-14, sheet 4B, dwelling 101, family 102, James A. Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224> : accessed 22 Aug 2009); from NARA microfilm T626, roll 1890; marital status married, age 21 at 1st marriage.
6. 1950 U.S. census, Hillsborough Co., FL, population schedule, Tampa, enumeration district (ED) 72-111, sheet 2, dwelling 16, lines 3-4, John Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62308> : accessed 12 Jul 2022); from NARA, 1950 Census (<https://1950Census.archives.gov/search>).
7. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard.
8. 1940 U.S. census, Warren Co., OH, population schedule, Harlan, enumeration district (ED) 83-18, sheet 9B, household 189, Lucinda Hopkins; digital image, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442> : accessed 30 Jul 2012); from NARA microfilm 627, roll 3164. Searched 1940 U.S. censuses on Ancestry for John Hopkins, Lula Hopkins, and Hopkins in Hillsborough County, FL and FL. Not found.
9. Emma Ewers Taylor Hopkins, "Our Family History" (1969-1977); p. 5; married at Uncle John's house in Tampa. "Loyall Teacher Marries In Florida Ceremony" undated clipping, ca 1943, maybe from *Harlan Daily Enterprise*, copy provided to Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY, 3 Mar 2010, from Edna Hopkins Chesnut (deceased), subject of article; identifies address as 802 East Hanna Avenue.
10. "U.S. Telephone Directory Collection," digital image, *Library of Congress* (<https://www.loc.gov/> : accessed 27 Jun 2022), Tampa Florida White Pages & Yellow Pages, Aug 1957, image 80; Maj John Hopkins, p. 120; from LOC Preservation Microfilming Program, Telephone Directory, Tampa, Florida, Peninsular Telephone Company, Aug 1957. "U.S. Telephone Directory Collection," digital image, *Library of Congress* (<https://www.loc.gov/> : accessed 27 Jun 2022), Tampa Florida White Pages & Yellow Pages, Aug 1959, image 84; Hopkinses, p. 129; from LOC Preservation Microfilming Program, General Telephone Company of Florida, Tampa,, Aug 1959; John Hopkins not listed, possibly changed to an unlisted number. Family visiting John & Lula Hopkins, photograph, abt. 1960; digital image scanned by Linda McCauley from Edna Hopkins Chesnut, 18 Jan 2008; Edna, John, Lula, and others in front of Paris Street house; date estimated by age of Edna's youngest son in the picture.
11. FL Dept. of Health, death certificate no. 89-103920 (1989), Lula M. Hopkins; Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville.
12. See individual biographies for each sibling for death date citations.
13. Gerald Grant Hopkins, grandson of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard; John's & Lula's burial plots in Garden of Memories Cemetery, section 2, unit 2, spaces 1-2.

Walter Hopkins

Walter was the tenth child born to James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard. He was born in 1906 in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, and died the same year.¹ He likely only lived a few hours or days. Walter was buried in Maretburg Cemetery in Rockcastle County, under a tree near the corner of Maretburg Cemetery Road and Menifee Hill Road.²

Endnotes for Walter Hopkins

1. Jean Hopkins Carpenter (MI) to Linda McCauley, email, dated 14 May 2004; privately held by Linda McCauley, Mt. Vernon, KY; Jean shared information given to her by her aunt Lula M. Hopkins, daughter of James Arton Hopkins and Lucinda Howard.

2. Uta Faye Hopkins McCauley, daughter of Elmer Dennis Hopkins, granddaughter of James Arton Hopkins & Lucinda Howard; Jim's niece Cindy Hopkins Saylor showed Faye where Walter was buried when they were at the Cemetery for Elijah L. Hopkins's burial in 1975.