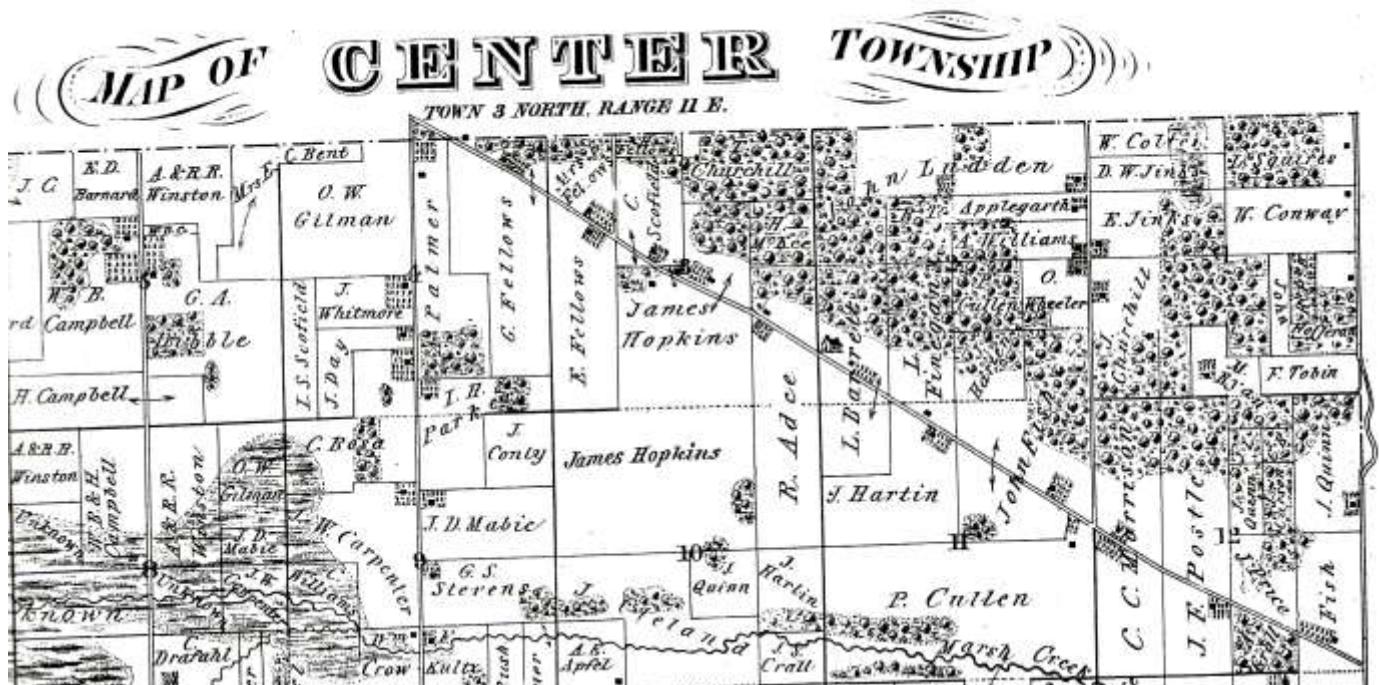


James Hopkins family
Researched by Ruth Ann Montgomery

I have found the following Hopkins in the Ball Tavern Cemetery near Hwy. 14 in Porter Township.

- John, born April 12, 1776, d. Nove. 3, 1853
- Sarah, born, September 2, 1789, died, December 16, 1876
- James, 1827-1906
- Elizabeth A., 1835-1913
- Adline, born February 11, 1824, died January 4, 1864
- Amanda V., wife of S. J., born February 9, 1865, died June 5, 1894
- Infant daughter of S. J. & A. V., b. January 26, 1894, d. February 1, 1894
- S. E., born October 17, 1854, died May 28, 1865
- C. W., born, October 25, 1856, d. June 13, 1865

MARRIED. In Center, Aug. 23d, by Rev. G. W. Lawrence, Mr. James Hopkins, to Miss Elizabeth P. Adee, both of Center.
October 6, 1854, Janesville Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin



Hopkins, James, Center Township, Section 3, born in England. Post Office, Leyden, Occupation: farmer
p. 61 and p. 102, combination Atlas Map of Rock County, Wisconsin by Everts, Baskin and Stewart, 1873

into market.

—Evansville buyers are in the field at full prices, having shipped fifty-one carloads of live stock, during the present month. They have been paying prices that are much better for the farmer than the buyer.

—Mr. James Hopkins, of Center, sold last week, and delivered here 13 choice Poland China hogs, the aggregate weight being 5,965 pounds, an average of 450 lbs. each, and the Broderick Bro's. delivered 39 hogs that tipped the scales at 403 pounds each, not a bad average for that number.

“Evansville” news, January 28, 1878, Janesville Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin

Another early commercial event at Fellows reported by their correspondent occurred in the Spring of 1888. A Mr. Sampson Hopkins, a son of the firm of James Hopkins & Sons: “has gone to Boston after another car of fine imported horses recently shipped from Scotland.” And two weeks later, April 15, 1888, this item: J. Hopkins & Sons’ first importation of English shire horses arrived at this station last week and are pronounced by all that have seen them to be the finest ever seen in this part of the country. The shipment of six stallions, one of which died in transit near Chicago, estimated lost \$1,800. These horses were bought at the London stock show, and are the very best that could be purchased.”

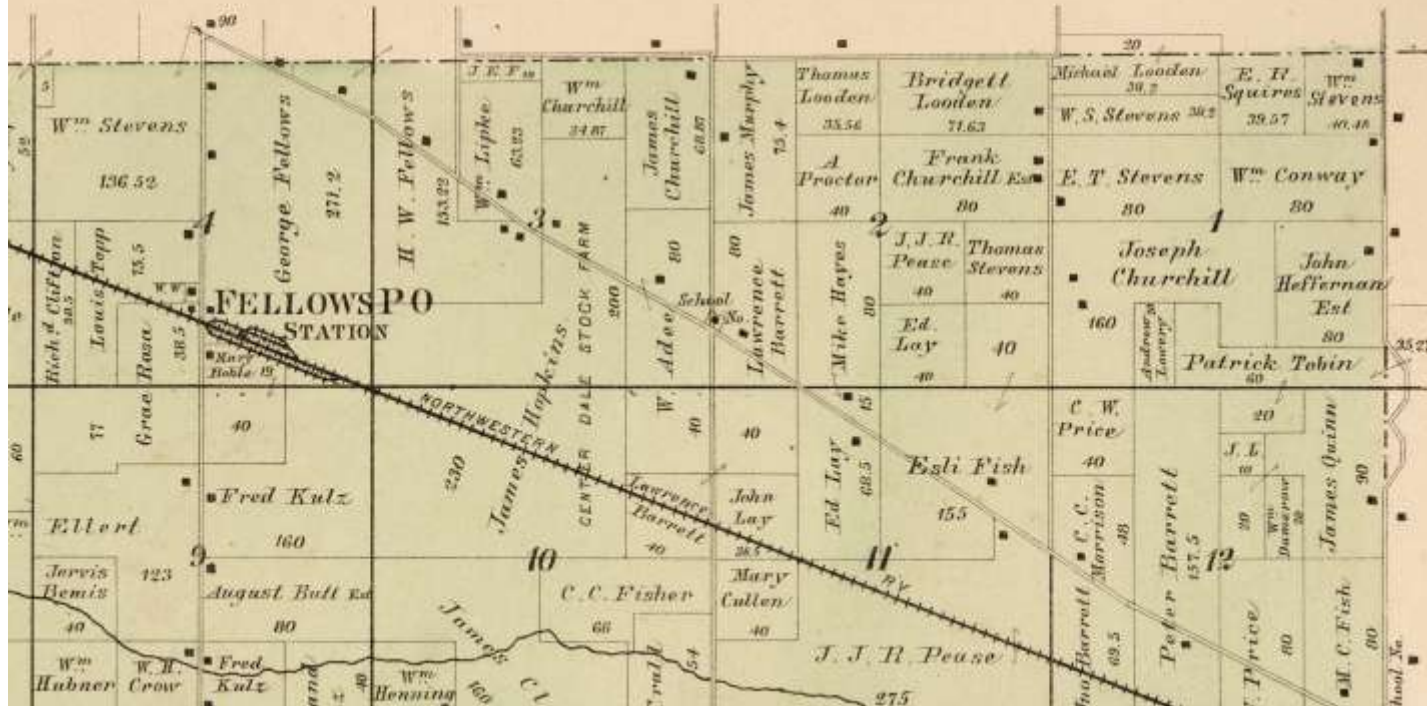
James Hopkins’ 240 acre was 1/2/ mile east of George Fellows’ farm on the Janesville-Madison road, and the cut-off right of way went through the middle of it in sections 3 & 10 OF Center Township.

Six weeks later on May 30, the Fellows column again spoke of the Hopkins horses: “James Hopkins & Sons’ second importation from England arrived here, consisting of four Cleveland bay horses, all in a healthy condition. Anyone contemplating using or purchasing the English Shire or Cleveland Bay will do well to give them a call.; Another news item in the same column went on, again, May 30, 1888: “James Hopkins, who has been spending the last four months in England visiting friends and purchasing horses, arrived home this week. he reports a good time, pleasant voyage and we judge from his appearance they used him well. He is all the better for the trip.”

James had obviously been in England since Early February. His son, Sampson remained here to handle the first shipment of horses coming into this country, even going to Boston to receive them off the ship and arrange for their rail shipment to Fellows’ Station but alas, one died! In mid-October of 1888, the Fellows column noted that Hopkins held an auction sale, and that everything sold fairly well.” Hopkins didn’t sell his farm until 1898 so presumably he remained in the farming business after the auction, while the horse business was moved to Janesville. The sale bill that appeared in the Evansville Enterprise on October 17 is reprinted here as it looked then.

PLAT OF
CENTER
 Township 3 North, Range 11 East
 of the Fourth Principal Meridian.
 ROCK CO. WIS.

Scale 2 Inches to the Mile



James Hopkins farm from 1891 map of Center township, James Hopkins, Center Dale Stock Farm,

