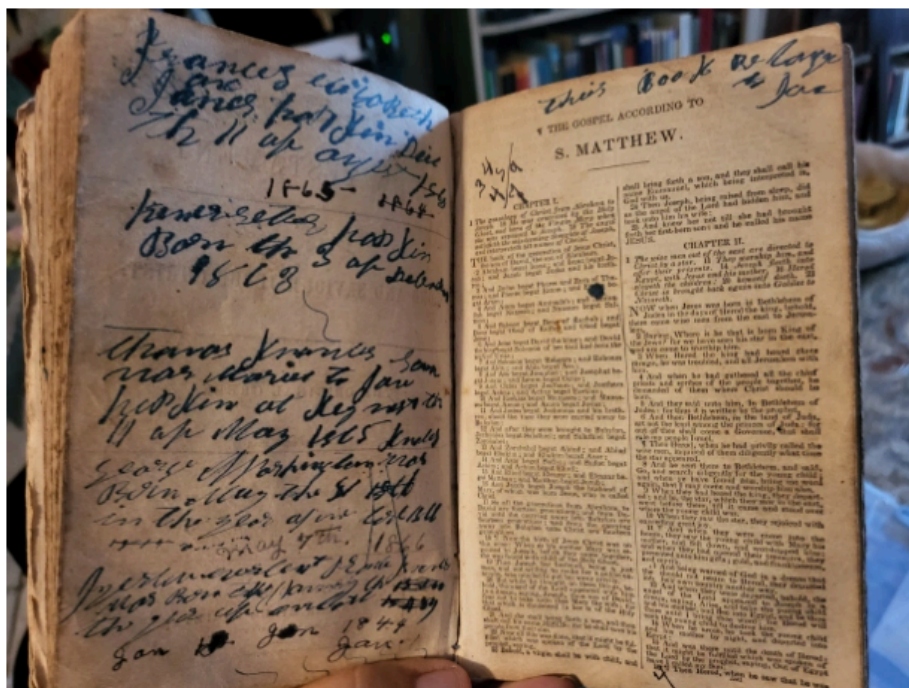


Frances Hopkins Bible 1846



I am in possession of Frances' bible, passed down to me by my aunt, Jane GARCIA Rowland. I am able to transcribe much of it because I know the names. The underscores I couldn't figure out. I do know that Justin was born Jan 8th 1844. My records say 1847 in Long Island, Bahamas, but the bible says 1844. Also George Washington Knowles's biological parents were Justin's parents, John Thomas Knowles and Hannah Elizabeth Prance. He is Justin's brother. Their mother died 20 days after giving birth to George. Infant George was adopted and raised by Justin and his wife, Jane Ann. – KYH, 2025

TRANSCRIPTION:

- Frances Elizabeth and James Hopkins died on the 11th August 1865.
- Henrietta Hopkin born the 3 of December 1863
- Thomas Knowles son was married to Jane Hopkins at Key West the 11th of May 1865
- George Washington Knowles was born May the __ in the year of our lord 1866. May 7th 1866

A few months after her marriage to Justin in 1865, Jane Ann's parents, James Hopkins and Frances Elizabeth HARRARD Hopkins contracted yellow fever and died on the same day, August 11, 1865 on Knockemdown Key. They were in their 30s. They left behind four children ranging from 18 years old to five. Jane Ann took into her own household her siblings, Charles and Henrietta. She and Justin may have also taken in the younger boys, James and John. (*That the Hopkins died of yellow fever is family lore; it has not been verified. Yellow Fever epidemics were a frequent occurrence at that time. Jane Ann did record in her mother's bible that her parents died on the same day, however.*)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- *Colquitt County* by Melody S. Jenkins
<https://www.arcadiapublishing.com/products/9780738567563>
- *History of Colquitt County* by W. A. Covington
<https://www.amazon.com/-/es/History-Colquitt-County-W-Covington/dp/0871523183>
- *The History of Miller County, Georgia, 1856-1980* by Nellie Cook Davis (This book is difficult to find. Try searching Google for a copy. **I do have a copy on my shelf.**)

James Hopkins

James HOPKINS was born in 1828 in Colquitt, Georgia (parents unknown. Possible father John Douglas Hopkins.)

MARRIAGE

James HOPKINS married **Frances Elizabeth HARRIEDE** in Leon, Florida, on September 29, 1850, when he was 22 years old.

CHILDREN

- Jane Ann was born on September 18, 1847, in Colquitt, Georgia.
- Charles W was born in 1854 in Colquitt, Georgia.
- James Berrian was born on November 1, 1857, in Colquitt, Georgia.
- John Simon was born on January 14, 1859, in Colquitt, Georgia.
- Henrietta "Rita" was born on December 3, 1863, in Colquitt, Georgia.

Family stories suggest that James and Francis moved to the Florida Keys to escape the yellow fever epidemics sweeping the country.

In 1850, James and Francis lived in Leon County, Florida with their daughter, Jane. Next door lived James and Martha(?) Harriede and Jacob Harriede. James and Martha are possibly Francis' parents?

1850	1850	James Hopkins	22	m		Farmer	✓		Geo		1
		Francis	17	f					Geo		
		Jane	2	f					Geo		
1850	1850	James Harriede	14	m		Farmer	✓	Geo	Geo		1
		Martha	16	f					Geo		1
		Martha	20	f					Geo		
		Fanny	18	f					Geo		
1850	1850	Jacob Harriede	22	m		Farmer	✓	Geo	Geo		1
		Sarah	16	f					Geo		

In 1860, James and Francis lived in Colquitt County, Georgia with four children: Char W., James H. (11), J.B. (3), J.R. (4 months). James was a farmer with \$350 in real estate and his personal estate was worth \$150.

Dwelling No.	Family No.	Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Birthplace	Married	Attended	Cann Read Write
10	130 130	James Hopkins	32	m		Farmer	350	150	"	✓	✓	
11		Francis	28	f					"			
12		Char W.	7	m					"			
13		James H.	11	m					"	1		
14		J.B.	3	m					"			
15		J.R.	4	m					"			

DEATH

James Hopkins and Frances Elizabeth Harriede Hopkins died on the same day, August 11, on Knockemdown Key, and as yellow fever was raging through the islands at that time, it is likely that they succumbed to it. They left behind five children ranging in age from 18 to 2 years old.

At least one family account says that baby Rita died with her parents. This fact comes from a letter from a family member describing how James, Frances, and Rita all died of the yellow fever in August 1865. However, the 1870 census shows Henrietta living with Justin and Jane Ann Knowles so it is assumed that they adopted her.

SOURCES

1850 United States Federal Census; 1860 United States Federal Census; Dodd, Jordan R, et. al., Early American Marriages: Florida to 1850.; Dodd, Jordan R, et. al.. Florida Marriages, 1822-1850; State Archive, Tallahassee and Clerk of Courts; Various Counties; County Marriages, 1803-1963; Family Interviews

Frances Elizabeth HARRIEDE (HARRARD)

Frances Elizabeth HARRIEDE (HARRARD) was born in 1832 in Colquitt County, Georgia. She married James HOPKINS in Leon County, Florida, on September 27, 1850, when she was 18 years old.

In research, Frances Elizabeth's last name is spelled differently on many documents. Harriede. Harrod. Most legal documents use 'Harrard', so that is what I use here. Her first name is often misspelled 'Francis'. Again, I go by legal documents rather than census records.

CHILDREN

- Jane Ann was born on September 18, 1847, in Colquitt, Georgia.
- Charles W was born in 1854 in Colquitt, Georgia.
- James Berrian was born on November 1, 1857, in Colquitt, Georgia.
- John Simon was born on January 14, 1859, in Colquitt, Georgia.
- Henrietta "Rita" was born on December 3, 1863, in Colquitt, Georgia.

Name	Frances Harrard
Marriage Date	27 Sep 1850
Marriage Place	Leon, Florida, USA
Spouse	James Hopkins
Source	Dodd, Jordan R, et. al., <i>Early American Marriages: Florida to 1850.</i>

SOURCES

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Jane Ann HOPKINS



Jane Ann HOPKINS was born on September 18, 1847, in Colquitt, Georgia, to Frances Elizabeth HARRIEDE (HARRARD) [Frances Elizabeth HARRIEDE \(HARRARD\)](#) (1832-1865) and **James HOPKINS** (1828-1865).

SIBLINGS

- Charles W was born in 1854 in Colquitt, Georgia
- [James Berrian](#) was born on November 1, 1857, in Colquitt, Georgia
- [John Simon](#) was born on January 14, 1859, in Colquitt, Georgia,
- Henrietta "Rita" was born on December 3, 1863, in Colquitt, Georgia



In 1850, Jane lived with her parents in Lumpkin County, Georgia.

James Hopkins	30	m		Warmer	100		11
Elizabeth do	27	f					7
			23				
			11				
	3		4	5	6	7	8
Marian do		6	m				9a
Jane do		3	f				11
W. C. Swan do		2	m				11

1850 United States Federal Census

MARRIAGE



Jane Ann HOPKINS married [Justin Everett KNOWLES](#) in Key West, Florida, on May 11, 1865, when she was 17 years old.

Life on the Florida Keys had to have been hard enough just trying to provide food and shelter amidst turbulent weather and isolation from medical care and other people. James and Frances Hopkins would have had no help as they lay dying of yellow fever. In the extreme southern areas of Florida, the threat of yellow fever lasted all year round (Huffard, 84). As Key West had a port that brought goods from the tropics, it also brought yellow fever. And from there and other southern ports, an American epidemic was born. Life in those times were fraught with fear, grief, treatments that were often as horrendous as the virus, quarantines, collapsed economies, and crippled transportation.

Read more about Yellow Fever (Yellow Jack or the Yellow Plague) in Florida [here](#)

<https://exploringfloridahistory.org/2024/01/03/yellow-fever-yellow-jack-or-the-yellow-plague-in-florida/>

By the summer of 1866, Justin's mother, Hannah Prance, died in Key West, 20 days after giving birth to George Washington on May 7, 1866. It was not unusual for women to retreat to Key West, some 20 miles west of Cudjoe Key, for the medical expertise in childbirth, so Hannah probably had gone there when her time for childbirth was near. There is no record of what she died of, although we can assume it had to do with the birth of baby George. Now motherless, the infant George was taken in to be raised by Justin and Jane Ann in Key West.

In 1868, around the time when the Ten-Year War in Cuba started, Justin and Jane lived in Key West, as did others in the Hopkins family, who appear to have moved from Georgia to Florida at some point between 1847 and 1865. The Hopkins may have left Georgia due to the Civil War.

CHILDREN

- George Washington was born on May 7, 1866, in Key West, Florida
- [Silas Everett](#) was born in March 1868.
- [Hannah Elizabeth](#) was born on October 10, 1869, in Key West, Florida
- James Everett was born in 1873 in Key West, Florida
- [Clara Dena](#) was born on December 18, 1879, in Key West, Florida
- [Alphred 'Tukie' Pillage](#) was born on December 18, 1882, in Key West, Florida
- [Leonora "Lela"](#) was born on October 18, 1884, in Key West, Florida
- [Belle Corrine](#) was born on November 1, 1889

In 1870, Justin and Jane Ann lived on Knockemdown Key. Living in their household were their two-year-old son, Silas, and Justin's little brother, George, who was now 3 years old. Recall that Jane's parents had died leaving several small children which Justin and Jane Ann were now raising, Charles was now 16 and Henrietta was 10.

In 1870, Jane lived on "the Keys lying Eastward of Key West" with her husband and their two sons, George and Silas. Also living in the household was her brother, Charles and her sister, Henrietta 'Rita'.

16	16	Annals Justin	22	M	W	Farmer		200	Bahamas
		— Jane	22	F	W	Keeping house			Georgia
		— George	3	M	W				Fla
		— Silas	2	M	W				"
		Hopkins Charles	16	M	W	Seaman			Georgia
		— Henrietta	10	F	W				"

1870 United States Federal Census

In 1880, Jane and Justin lived with their children, George, Silas, Hannah, and James at 444 Frances St in Key West.

664-97	Wm James Sisker	b 1893		1	Seaman
	— Jane	w b 50	Wife	1	Keeping House
	— George	b 1896	Brother	1	
	— Helen	b 1898	Son	1	
	— Hannah	w b 10	Daughter	1	
	— James	b 1898	Son	1	

1880 United States Federal Census

In 1885, Jane and Justin lived on Watson St in Key West with their children, George, Silas, Hannah, James, Clara Dena, Alfred. At age 16, Hannah worked as a tobacco stripper at the cigar factory.

1	James Kinosh	W	8 34	Wife	1	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia
2	George Kinosh	W	8 20	Son	1	Key West	Bolama	Georgia
3	Titus Kinosh	W	8 18	Son	1	Key West	Bolama	Georgia
4	Anna Kinosh	W	8 16	Daughter	1	Key West	Bolama	Georgia
5	James Kinosh	W	8 12	Son	1	Key West	Bolama	Georgia
6	Larinda Kinosh	W	8 8	Daughter	1	Key West	Bolama	Georgia
7	Alfred Kinosh	W	8 2	Son	1	Key West	Bolama	Georgia
8	James Kinosh	W	8 27	Wife	1	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia
9	Melissa Kinosh	W	8 20	Son	1	Bolama	Bolama	Bolama
10	James Kinosh	W	8 2	Daughter	1	Key West	Georgia	Bolama

1885 United States Federal Census

In 1900, Jane and Justin lived at 1126 Virginia St in Key West with their son, Alfred and daughters, Clara Dena, Lela, and Belle. Justin worked as a sponger.

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1900 United States Federal Census

Jane's husband Justin Everett passed away on December 29, 1900, in Key West, Florida, at the age of 53. They had been married 35 years.

In 1910, Jane lived at 1013 Catherine St in Key West with her daughter, Lela. Jane and Lela both worked as 'strippers' at a cigar factory. Jane's daughter, Belle lived next door at 1011 Catherine with her husband, Claude Freeman and their daughter.

STATE		COUNTY		TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY		NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE		ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE		DAY OF		YEAR	
Florida		Harris				Key West		28th		April		1910	
PERSONAL DESCRIPTION		RELATION		SEX		AGE		COLOR		EDUCATION		OCCUPATION	
Name, sex, date of birth, color, height, weight, eyes, hair, complexion, occupation, etc.		Relationship to head of family, or to person with whom living, or to person with whom property is held, or to person with whom business is transacted, etc.		Male or female		In years, months, and days		White, black, or other		None, common school, high school, college, etc.		None, laborer, farmer, etc.	
1013 Catherine St		Head		Male		38		Black		None		None	
1011 Catherine St		Wife		Female		35		Black		None		None	
1013 Catherine St		Daughter		Female		10		Black		None		None	
1011 Catherine St		Daughter		Female		5		Black		None		None	
1011 Catherine St		Daughter		Female		2		Black		None		None	

1910 United States Federal Census



Ed Woodson, Claude Freeman, Belle Freeman, Jane Ann Hopkins Knowles, J.V. Woodson, Clarie Lariz.

In 1920, Jane lived with her daughter, Bell Freeman at 515 West 10th Ave in Tampa, Florida. Also at the home were Edna (Bell and Claude's daughter), John Canizares Rodriguez (Jane's grandson and Bell's nephew), and William J. Hall, a boarder. Claude and John worked as cigarmakers in a cigar factory. The boarder, Hall, worked as a riveter in the shipyard.

Charles Wesley Hopkins



When Charles Wesley Hopkins was born on November 3, 1885, in Key West, Florida to to **Mary Melissa Carey** (1864-1937) and [James Berrian Hopkins](#) (1857-1921).

MARRIAGE

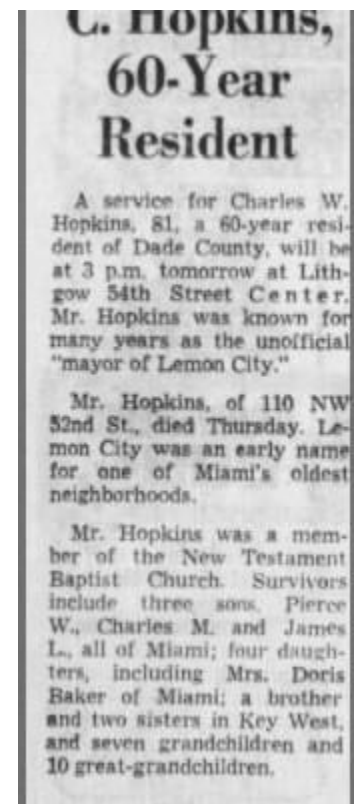
He married Leanora Camille Pierce in 1906 in Miami, Florida. They divorced in 1930.

CHILDREN

- Doris was born in 1908.
- Clara M was born in 1909.
- Florence was born in 1910.
- Prein (son) was born in 1912.
- Alice J was born in 1914.
- Charles Myron was born on February 9, 1916, in Miami, Florida.

DEATH

Charles Wesley Hopkins died on January 5, 1967, in Miami, Florida, when he was 81 years old.



James Berrian HOPKINS

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James Berrian HOPKINS was born on November 1, 1857, in Colquitt, Georgia, to **James HOPKINS** (1828-1865), and **Frances HARRARD** (1832-1865).

When his parents died of yellow fever, James Berrian was 8 years old. His sister, **Jane Ann HOPKINS Knowles**, took into her own household two of their siblings, Charles, age 11 and Henrietta, age 2. In 1870, this blended family was still living on Knockemdown Key. It is not known who took in James Berrian.

In 1881, he married **Mary Melisa CAREY**.

CHILDREN

- Fannie b. January 14, 1882, in Key West, Florida. (married name Russell)
- Charles Wesley b. November 3, 1885, in Key

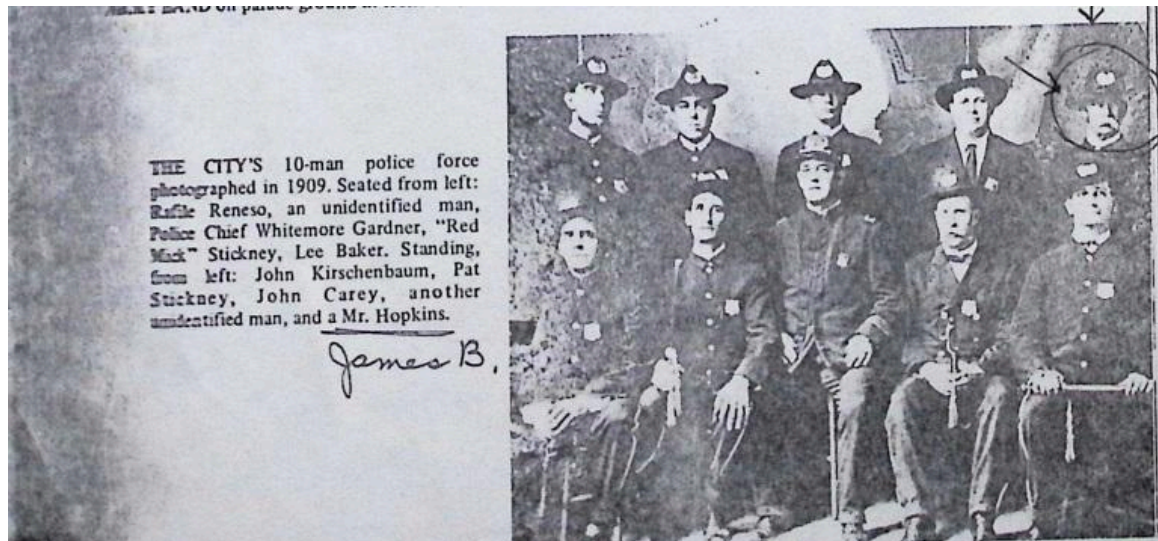
West, Florida.

- Alice Mae b. March 1, 1888, in Key West, Florida.
- Rose Ella January 17, 1893, in Key West, Florida.
- James C b. May 1897 in Key West, Florida.
- Willard b. March 21, 1899.
- Clifford b. March 15, 1906.
- Paul Douglas b. December 28, 1907, in Key West, Florida.

In 1885 James was married and living in Key West next door to his sister, Jane Ann on Watson St. He worked as a seaman. In 1900 he lived at 1032 Catherine St. and was a cigar maker. James would later become prominent in Key West as a police officer. In 1910, he was living at 1033 United St. in Key West and working as a policeman. In 1920, he was living at 1022 Knowles Lane and still working as a police officer. The census of that year lists him as being unable to read or write.



He died on February 12, 1921, in Key West, Florida, at the age of 63, and was buried there.



Ed Woodson remembers being taken to house when James Hopkins died. Remembers being forced to kiss him on cheek. He also remembers he was laid out on kitchen table with ice around him.

John Simon HOPKINS Frow

<https://exploringfloridahistory.org/2024/07/08/captain-john-simon-frow-miami-florida-pioneer-sea-captain-survived-yellow-fever-indian-attacks-hurricanes/>



John Simon HOPKINS Frow was born on January 14, 1859, in Colquitt, Georgia, to **Frances Elizabeth HARRIIDE (HARRARD)** (1832-1865) and **James HOPKINS** (1828-1865).

John Simon, whose parents were **James and Frances HOPKINS** of Colquitt Georgia, was raised by **John & Adelaide FROW** after John Simon's parents died of yellow fever in Aug 1865 on Knockemdown Key.

While he was never formally adopted by the Frows, he carried their last name for the rest of his life. His adopted father, John Frow, was the Cape Florida lighthouse keeper for many years and then moved to Key West and worked for a few years in the U.S. Custom House. He was killed by a small plane landing in the bay which

struck his fishing boat in 1918.

Captain John Simon Frow carried mail and passengers between Miami, Coconut Grove and Key West when there was no railroad. He survived an Indian attack on the lighthouse and another Indian attack at his homestead. He rode out the 1909 hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico. See the article below for those stories.

In 1870, John Simon lived with his adoptive parents, John & Adelaide FROW. John Frow was a lighthouse keeper. Simon Frow, the father of the elder John lived nearby where he worked with his son as the assistant lighthouse keeper along with Joseph Frow who was also an assistant lighthouse keeper.

In 1880, John Simon and John Frow (father and son) lived in Dade County, the elder working as a boat builder and the younger working as a sponger & turtler.

MARRIAGE

John Simon Hopkins Frow married **Josephine STIRRUP** (1860-1943 born in New Providence, Bahamas). They married in Monroe County, Florida, on January 1, 1880, when he was 20 years old.

CHILDREN

- Minnie Stanhope was born on June 12, 1884, in Miami, Florida.
- John William was born on January 14, 1886, in Florida.
- Josephine R was born on July 27, 1886
- Fred F was born on March 17, 1891.

- Isabelle Antoinette was born on October 13, 1894, in Coconut Grove
- Albert was born in October 1896
- Ora L was born in July 1898

RESIDENCES

- In 1900, John Simon and Josephine lived on 10th St in Miami with their children. John Simon worked as a seaman.
- In 1910, John Simon and Josephine lived at 405 Fourth St in Miami. John Simon was the captain of a steamboat, and his son Fred was a quartermaster.
- In 1918, John Simon and Josephine lived at 606 1/2 Ave D in Miami.

LOSSES

- His adoptive father, John Simon FROW passed away on April 28, 1918, in Miami-Dade, Florida, at the age of 77.
- His brother James Berrian died on February 12, 1921, in Key West, Florida, when John Simon was 62 years old.
- His daughter Minnie Stanhope passed away on August 20, 1922, in Miami, Florida, at the age of 38.

DEATH

John Simon Hopkins Frow died on August 24, 1924, in Miami, Florida, when he was 65 years old.

OBITUARY

The Miami News, Monday, August 25, 1924. JOHN S. FROW, PIONEER FLORIDA SEA CAPTAIN IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Was Working on the Boat That Brought Brickells to Miami to Take Up Homestead; Family Twice Narrowly Escaped Being Massacred by the Seminoles.

John S. Frow, 64, retired sea captain and a resident of this section of Florida for 45 years, died Sunday morning at his home at 27 NE Ninth St. after a lingering illness.

The greater part of his life had been spent in commanding ships plying the ocean along the East Coast of Florida. When he came to Florida from Colquitt Georgia with his father, not a single building was standing in Miami. On one of the boats on which he was working the Brickells came to Florida to take up a government homestead.

At 14 years of age he was working with his father John Frow, who was the keeper of the old Cape Florida lighthouse, which at present is a historic landmark.

The white settlers were having great difficulties with the Seminole Indians at that time. On one occasion the Indians attacked the lighthouse and drove the boy and his father to the top of it and set fire to the wooden staircase. The top was iron and became almost unbearably hot as the fire crept up the staircase.

A ***** worker who was with them was shot to death by the Indians after they had reached the top and the boy and his father stood on his body to keep their feet from

scorching. Death seemed certain but a sharp whistle from a steamboat which was entering the bay scared off the Indians and the boy and his father made their way to the ground below.

Shortly after he was married at 20 years of age, Captain Frow started to work on the ocean boats and continued this work until his retirement in 1912.

He carried passengers and mail on his boat the Emily B. between Key West and Coconut Grove when there was no railroad to connect the two sections.

For a time he manufactured starch from arrowroot at Coconut Grove where he had taken a homestead. Sale of the product was made at Key West.

While at Coconut Grove his father Mr. Frow and his family narrowly escaped massacre at the hands of the Seminole Indians when a disagreement occurred between the family and the tribes of the Everglades.

Indians in 11 canoes came down the Miami river and then went down to his home at Coconut Grove with the sole purpose of exterminating the family against which they had a grudge.

Mr. Frow and his father were working on a ship near the house when the chiefs of the tribe were sent ahead to hold conference with the white men.

Mercy was granted by the Indians only upon condition that the elder Frow, who was an abstemious man, agreed to become intoxicated. For the sake of the family Mr. Frow's father agreed.

While in that condition he was dragged about the yard by his long beard. The Indians stayed in the home for three days demanding the best that Mrs. Frow could provide.

When Henry M. Flagler, J. C. Parrott and J.E. Ingraham were constructing the extension of the Florida East Coast Railway to Key West, Mr. Frow was captain of the yacht Biscayne, which was used for all inspection trips.

His courage and efficiency as a sea captain were shown nobly when a terrific hurricane hit the East Coast of Florida in October 1909. A great number of vessels were lost and many lives.

Mr. Frow was captain of the tugboat J. H. Pelton when the hurricane hit. In spite of the crew's threats, he headed his boat away from the shore toward the Gulf of Mexico, and after a long fight was able to bring back his boat in safety without one of his crew being lost.

For three days his wife and children examined the bodies which were washed ashore and finally the head office of the railway company in Miami gave out an official report that the J. H. Pelton had gone down in the storm.

After his return with the boat he was given official recognition by the railway company for his remarkable way he had saved his boat and crew.

Besides the widow, Mr. Frow leaves three sons, John, Fred, and Albert, and three daughters, Mrs. J Knowles of Key West, Mrs. J.M. Warren of Miami, and Mrs. J. Abbott of Miami, and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services, which are in charge of the W.H. Combs company will be conducted in the home at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Captain W.H. MacIntyre, Charles Albury, A.M. Brice, Jackson Peacock, Charles Peacock and Frank Hardee."

DADE COUNTY PIONEER KILLED, STRUCK BY NAVAL AEROPLANE ALIGHTING ON BISCAYNE BAY

**J. W. Frow Met Death
This Morning on Way
Fishing Grounds
in a Sail Boat**

**CAME TO DADE CO.
SEVENTY YRS. AGO**

**Unfortunate Man Was
Formerly Keeper of
Cape Florida Light
and Fowey Light**

J. W. Frow, 77 years of age, pioneer resident of Cocoanut Grove, was killed this morning between 9 and 10 o'clock while in one of his small fishing boats in Biscayne Bay.

An airplane of Dinner Key station, landing in the bay after a flight, struck the fishing boat, demolished the vessel and so injured Mr. Frow that he died within an hour in the city hospital, to which institution he was rushed in all possible speed.

The blow which caused his death was evidently one on the left side of the head above the eye, which fractured the skull frightfully.

Funeral Tomorrow

The body was turned over to the W. H. Combs Undertaking company to be prepared for burial. The funeral service will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the Church of God in Cocoanut Grove, Rev. J. A. Self officiating. Interment will be made in the Woodlawn Park cemetery.

All that is positively known of the details of the accident is that Mr. Frow went out into the bay in a small sailboat to fish. Persons at the Cocoanut Grove dock later saw the commotion where the plane had landed and knew that something was wrong. Without delay assistance was sent out from the Dinner Key station, and a Red Cross ambulance conveyed the unconscious man to the city hospital, where he died before an operation could be undertaken.

The deceased was one of the prominent, historic figures of this section, his residence in the Miami section dating back when he was only eight years of age or less. His father, Simon Frow, about 69 years ago, was keeper of the Cape Florida lighthouse, and the boy of eight at that time lived there with the family. Indian attacks on the lighthouse in those early days were repulsed by the heroism of the elder Frow, who made a notable defense of the property and prevented the massacre of the Cape residents.

Cape Florida Lightkeeper.

In later years the deceased, J. W. Frow, took charge of the Cape Florida lighthouse and remained in charge until the Fowey Rock lighthouse was built, then was given charge of the new one, which place he filled about three years.

Leaving the lighthouse duties, he went to Key West for a period of years and served in the United States custom house.

From Key West he moved to Cocoanut Grove and had since been engaged in the work of commercial fishing. He conducted the Florida House for sixteen years or more, and was widely known by the tourist public as well as residents of Miami and this entire section.

Many Relatives Survive.

Mr. Frow is survived, in the immediate family, by his aged wife, three sisters and their husbands, a brother and an adopted son. They are Mrs. J. W. Carey, Mrs. Geo. L. Robbins and Mrs. Robert Thompson, sisters; Joseph T. Frow, brother; and John S. Frow Hopkins, the adopted son, residents of Cocoanut Grove. Among his brothers-in-law is Abe Sawyer, resident of this city.

The coroner will hold an inquest this afternoon and probably an autopsy will be decided upon to inquire into the precise cause of death. Officials of Dinner Key station were in touch with the acting coroner, Squire Thomas of Cocoanut Grove, soon after the death of Mr. Frow was announced.

Henrietta "Rita" HOPKINS

Henrietta "Rita" Hopkins was born on December 3, 1863, in Colquitt, Georgia, to Frances Elizabeth HARRIEDE (HARRARD) (1832-1865) and James HOPKINS (1828-1865). *Date recorded in Jane Ann Hopkins' Bible*

A letter from a family member describes how James, Frances, and Rita all died of the yellow fever in August 1865. However, the 1870 census shows Henrietta living with Justin and Jane Ann Knowles and Jane's brother, Charles, so perhaps they adopted her. Charles did not marry until 1906. The writer of the letter is unknown. It was sent to Jane GARCIA Rowland.

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		_____ George	3	M	W				Fla
		_____ Silas	2	M	W				"
		Hopkins Charles	16	M	W	Seaman			Georgia
		_____ Henrietta	10	F	W				"

MARRIAGE

Florida, County Marriage Records, 1823-1982 show that "Henrietta Hopkins married George W Williams in Key West, Florida, on May 31, 1879" (NOT VERIFIED)

DEATH

Death date unknown.

CHILDREN OF
JAMES BERRIAN
HOPKINS

Frances Elizabeth "Fannie" HOPKINS Russell

<https://exploringfloridahistory.org/2025/01/12/frances-elizabeth-fannie-hopkins-russell/>



Frances Elizabeth "Fannie" Hopkins was born on January 14, 1882, in Key West, Florida, to **Mary Melissa Carey** (1864-1937) and [James Berrian Hopkins](#) (1857-1921). In the early 1900s, her father James Berrian was prominent in Key West as a police officer.

Her paternal grandparents were **James HOPKINS** (1828-1865), and **Frances HARRARD** (1832-1865). When her grandparents died of yellow fever in 1865, Fannie's father, James Berrian was 8 years old. Her aunt (James Berrian's sister), **Jane Ann HOPKINS Knowles**, took into her own household two of their siblings, Charles, age 11 and Henrietta, age 2. In 1870, this blended family was still living on Knockemdown Key. It is not known who took in James Berrian.

Life on the Florida Keys had to have been hard enough just trying to provide food and shelter amidst turbulent weather and isolation from medical care and other people. James and Frances Hopkins would have had no help as they lay dying of yellow fever. In the extreme southern areas of Florida, the threat of yellow fever lasted all year round (Huffard, 84). As Key West had a port that brought goods from the tropics, it also brought yellow fever. And from there and other southern ports, an American epidemic was born. Life in those times were fraught with fear, grief, treatments that were often as horrendous as the virus, quarantines, collapsed economies, and crippled transportation. (Read more here [Yellow Fever \(Yellow Jack or the Yellow Plague\) in Florida](#))

Fannie's siblings included:

- Charles Wesley was born on November 3, 1885.
- Alice Mae was born on March 1, 1888.
- Rose Ella Hopkins was born on January 17, 1893.
- James C was born in May 1897. He died a month later on June 3, 1897.
- Willard Berrian was born on March 21, 1899.
- Clifford was born on March 15, 1906.
- Paul Douglas was born on December 28, 1907.

In 1885, Fannie lived with her parents on Watson St. in Key West. The family of [Justin Everett KNOWLES](#) lived next door.

Fannie married **James Clinton RUSSELL** in Key West, Florida, on December 30, 1899. Their daughter, Violet Eileen was born on October 27, 1900, in Key West,

In 1900, Fannie lived with her parents and siblings at 1032 Catherine St in Key West, Florida. She was 18 years old and her husband lived there as well.

In 1910, Fannie and James RUSSELL lived at 1127 Catherine St in Key West with their daughter. James worked as a Foreman for the Penn Bridge Company.



James RUSSELL (photo from Ancestry.com. Not verified)

In 1911, Fannie and her siblings (Alice, a seamstress; and Ella) all lived with their father, James (policeman) at 1033 Knowles Lane in Key West.

In 1920, Fannie and James RUSSELL lived with their daughter Violet at 1211 Knowles St in Key West. James RUSSELL worked as a diver at the Naval Station.

In 1930, Fannie and James lived at 1210 Knowles Lane in Key West. James worked as an Engine Man in the U.S. Naval Yard.

In 1940 and 1950, Fannie (widowed) lived at 1211 Knowles Lane in Key West.



*Rose Ella HOPKINS Newcomb,
Unknown woman, Fannie HOPKINS
Russell, Alice Mae HOPKINS Pinder*

*Rose Ella HOPKINS Newcomb, Alice Mae HOPKINS Pinder,
Fannie HOPKINS Russell*





*Fannie HOPKINS Russell, Rose Ella HOPKINS
Newcomb*

LOSSES

- Her father, James Berrian passed away on February 12, 1921, in Key West.
- Her husband, James Clinton RUSSELL passed away on November 14, 1935, in Key West at the age of 66. They had been married 35 years.
- Her mother, Mary Melissa passed away on July 24, 1937, in Key West at the age of 73.
- Her brother, Paul Douglas died on July 28, 1953, in Key West.
- Her brother, Clifford died on January 12, 1956, in Key West.

SECOND MARRIAGE

Frannie married Elvie Herman PIERCE in Monroe County, Florida, in 1945. They divorced in 1947. Pierce passed away in 1951 in Gadsden, Florida, at the age of 67.

DEATH

Frances Elizabeth "Fannie" Hopkins died on February 7, 1958, in Monroe, Florida, when she was 76 years old. She was laid to rest in the Key West Cemetery.

SOURCES

Ancestry.com; Florida State Census, 1885; 1900 United States Federal Census; 1910 United States Federal Census; 1920 United States Federal Census; 1930 United States Federal Census; 1940 United States Federal Census; 1950 United States Federal Census; Florida Death Index, 1877-1998; U.S., Find a Grave® Index, 1600s-Current; U.S. City Directories, Key West 1911; Florida Marriage Collection, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001; Florida Divorce Index, 1927-2001

Alice May HOPKINS

<https://exploringfloridahistory.org/2025/02/19/alice-may-hopkins/>

Alice Mae Hopkins was born on March 1, 1888, in Key West, Florida, to **Mary Elizabeth CAREY** (1864-1937 b. Bahamas) and **James Berrian HOPKINS** (1857-1921 b. Key West).

SIBLINGS

- Frances Elizabeth "Fannie" was born on January 14, 1882, in Key West.
- Charles Wesley was born on November 3, 1885, in Key West.
- Rose Ella was born on January 17, 1893, in Key West.
- James C was born in May 1897 in Key West and died a month later on June 3.
- Willard Berrian was born on March 21, 1899.
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MARRIAGE



Alice Mae Hopkins married **Harold Pinder** in Key West, Florida, on July 19, 1914, when she was 26 years old.

- Malcolm Randolph was born on May 19, 1915, in Key West
 - Howard Graham was born on May 22, 1917, in Key West
 - Yvonne Camille was born on March 11, 1919, in Key West
 - Sylvia Faye was born on January 5, 1923, in Key West
 - Florida Catherine was born on August 25, 1924, in Key West

RESIDENCES

- In 1900, Alice lived with her parents at 1032 Catherine St in Key West, Florida.
- In 1910, Alice lived with her parents at 1033 United St in Key West.
- In 1920 and 1930, Alice lived with her husband and children at 1107 Southard St in Key West. They owned their home. Harold worked as a stenographer for the Porter Allen Co.
- In 1940, Alice and Harold lived with their son, Malcolm at the same house on Southard St. Harold worked as a clerk for the WPA and Malcolm worked as an "office boy".

- In 1950, Alice lived with her son Howard and daughter, Florida at 1007 Southard St. Howard worked as a salesman for Wholesale Liquour and Florida worked as an Abstractor for a local abstract company (R.E. Title).

MEDAL LOST 37 YEARS AGO FOUND LAST WEEK

Thirty seven years ago a little tot, by name **Alice** Hopkins, was attending Summer school at 830 Division street. Her teacher was Miss May Johnson.

Alice had a little medal which had been presented her by another teacher, Miss Sarah Ann Roberts. This trinket was considered her most treasured possession.

While playing one day she was dismayed and grieved to find she had lost the medal. Day after day search was made by **Alice** and her companions, and also her teacher, as only such search for lost treasure can be made by a sorrowful and eager child. But the lost was not found.

Last week a colored boy was cleaning the yard at the Johnson home. He saw something brightly shining in the leaves and took it to his employer, Mrs. Stephen Douglas, saying it had some words engraved on it.

Mrs. Douglas read the engraved name, recognized the medal which had caused so much agony of soul to her little pupil, when she was Miss May Johnson the teacher, and later presented it, bright and shining as the day it was lost, to **Alice**, now Mrs. Harold Pinder.

The Key West Citizen. Key West, Florida · Tuesday, April 07, 1936



Howard Graham Pinder and his mother Alice
HOPKINS Southard St home



Rose Ella HOPKINS Newcomb, Alice Mae
HOPKINS Pinder, Fannie HOPKINS Russell

LOSSES

- Her father James Berrian passed away on February 12, 1921, in Key West, Florida, at the age of 63.
- Her mother Mary Elizabeth passed away on July 24, 1937, in Key West, Florida, at the age of 73.
- Her husband Harold passed away in 1944 in Key West, Florida, at the age of 61. They had been married 30 years.
- Her brother Paul Douglas died on July 28, 1953, in Key West, Florida, when Alice Mae was 65 years old.
- Her brother Clifford died on January 12, 1956, in Key West, Florida, when Alice Mae was 67 years old.
- Her sister Frances Elizabeth "Fannie" died on February 7, 1958, in Monroe, Florida, when Alice Mae was 69 years old.
- Her brother Charles Wesley died on January 5, 1967, in Miami, Florida, when Alice Mae was 78 years old.
- Her sister Rose Ella died on July 3, 1967, in Key West, Florida, when Alice Mae was 79 years old.
- Her brother Willard Berrian died on October 18, 1970, in Key West, Florida, when Alice Mae was 82 years old.

DEATH

Alice Mae Hopkins died on October 21, 1975, in Key West, Florida, when she was 87 years old and buried next to her husband in the Key West Cemetery.



SOURCES

1900 United States Federal Census; 1910 United States Federal Census; 1920 United States Federal Census; 1930 United States Federal Census; 1935 Florida State Census; 1940 United States Federal Census; 1950 United States Federal Census; The Key West Citizen Tuesday, April 07, 1936; Key West, Florida, City Directory, 1927

Rose Ella HOPKINS Newcomb

<https://exploringfloridahistory.org/2025/01/16/rose-ella-hopkins-newcomb/>

Rose Ella Hopkins was born on January 17, 1893, in Key West, Florida, to **Mary Melissa Carey** (1864-1937) and [James Berrian Hopkins](#) (1857-1921). In the early 1900s, her father James Berrian was prominent in Key West as a police officer.

Her paternal grandparents were **James HOPKINS** (1828-1865), and **Frances HARRARD** (1832-1865). When her grandparents died of yellow fever in 1865, Fannie's father, James Berrian was 8 years old. Her aunt (James Berrian's sister), **Jane Ann HOPKINS Knowles**, took into her own household two of their siblings, Charles, age 11 and Henrietta, age 2. In 1870, this blended family was still living on Knockemdown Key. It is not known who took in James Berrian.

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SIBLINGS

Rose's siblings included:

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- Charles Wesley was born on November 3, 1885.
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- Alice Mae was born on March 1, 1888.
- Willard Berrian was born on March 21, 1899.
- Clifford was born on March 15, 1906.
- Paul Douglas was born on December 28, 1907. James C was born in May 1897 in Key West. He died a month later on June 3, 1897, in Key West.
- Willard Berrian was born on March 21, 1899
- Clifford was born on March 15, 1906,
- Paul Douglas was born on December 28, 1907, in Key West

SPOUSE

She married John "Jack" NEWCOMB.

CHILDREN

One ancestry tree lists a child born in 1922 that died that same year.

Jack Ray was born in 1925.

RESIDENCES

- In 1900, Ella lived at 1032 Catherine St in Key West, Florida with her parents.
- In 1910, she lived at 1033 United St in Key West, Florida with her parents. Ella's mother is listed as "Elizabeth". Her father worked as a policeman and her sister, Alice worked as a dressmaker.
- In 1920, Ella lived with her parents and siblings at 1022 Knowles Lane in Key West, Florida. She was single and the census lists her with no occupation.
- In 1927 and 1930, Ella lived at 1209 Knowles Lane with her husband, Jack NEWCOMB and son, Jack Ray in the household of her mother and two brothers. Jack worked as a switchman for the railroad.
- In 1935, Ella (listed as Rosella) and Jack (listed as John) lived at 1209 Knowles Lane in Key West with their son, Jack R.
- In 1940, Ella and Jack lived at 1209 Knowles Lane. Their son, Jack Ray, and Ella's brother, Douglas also lived there. Jack is listed as "John", a stevedore with the steamship line, and Douglas is listed as a laborer for the WPA Army Barracks.
- In 1950, Ella (now listed as Rose) still lived at 1209 Knowles Lane with her son, Jack Rae. Also living with them was Paul Hopkins, Ella's brother. He worked as a plumber.



LOSSES

- James Berrian passed away on February 12, 1921, in Key West
- Her mother Mary Melissa passed away on July 24, 1937, in Key West, Florida, at the age of 73.
- Her brother Paul Douglas died on July 28, 1953, in Key West, Florida, when Rose Ella was 60 years old.
- Her sister Frances Elizabeth "Fannie" died on February 7, 1958,
- Her brother Charles Wesley died on January 5, 1967

DEATH



Rose Ella Hopkins died on July 3, 1967, in Key West, Florida, when she was 74 years old.

*Fannie HOPKINS Russell, Rose Ella HOPKINS
Newcomb*

