

## Frederick HIPKIN: Biography

**Genealogy:** As recorded in the Family Bible entry below, Frederick HIPKIN was born 23 September 1820 in Boston, Lincolnshire to Joseph HIPKIN, bricklayer and builder and Elizabeth BURDELL. He was baptized on the same day at St. Botolph, the Anglican Church in Boston.

His earlier years are not a matter of record, but at some point Frederick moved a few miles distant to New Sleaford where in the 1841 Census he is found living at Waterhouse Street as a tailor. In the 1851 Census of New Sleaford, Frederick HIPKIN is residing at 134 South Street with his wife Ann and three children Sarah A., William and Elizabeth. Reference to the Family Bible below shows that Frederick had been married on 21 June 1842 to Sarah GOODWIN by whom he had daughter Sarah Ann born 1843 (the date in the Bible is one year off).

Sarah died in June 1844, and Frederick married 17 June 1845 to Ann HODGETT, born in Grantham, Lincolnshire, daughter of William HODGETT, a nail maker and Sarah WATCHORN. The couple had children William, Elizabeth, Julia, Joseph, and Annie.

The 1861 Census of New Sleaford sees Frederick, a widower, and family residing at 167 South Street. Clearly Frederick had made a huge leap forward in his chosen occupation as the census records his occupation as “Clothier Employing 8 men and 20 women”. However, his wife Annie had died 8 June 1860.

Frederick married for a third (and last) time to Susan ASKEW on 2 July 1861. She was born in Brauncewell, Lincolnshire. This couple had children Frederick, John, Mary and Walter (both of whom died in infancy in 1865), and Mary Elizabeth. Daughter Elizabeth died in 1866 at age 16.

In the 1871 Census the family was residing at 182 South Street, and Frederick was recorded as a “Clothier Woolen Draper Employ 7 Men & 7 Women”. His son William was reported as a “Dissenting Minister”.

Ten years later, in 1881, Frederick was listed as a “Retired Woolen Draper” living at 71 Westgate Street with his family – daughter Annie being a “Teacher of Music”, son Frederick a “Solicitor’s Clerk”, son John a “Merchant’s Clerk”, and a visitor present, Ephraim SCOTT, a “Draper’s Assistant” (who would soon become the son – in – law of Frederick).

The 1891 Census would be the last one where Frederick would appear. He was still residing at 71 Westgate, “Living on Own Means”, with wife Susan, youngest daughter Mary Elizabeth and niece Julia GREGORY.

The Bible page below was sent to the author by descendants of Albert HIPKIN, the grandson of Frederick HIPKIN, who reside in Australia.

Frederick Hipkin, Born at Boston in England  
County of Lincoln, 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1820 was  
Married, to Sarah Goodwin the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 1842  
Sarah Ann Hipkin Daughter of the above was  
Born 26 day of October 1844 Sarah Ann Hipkin  
Frederick Hipkin's Wife died the day of June  
one thousand eight hundred and forty four.....

Frederick Hipkin Remarried To Annie  
Hodget, only Daughter of William and Mary  
Hodget of New-Heaford County of Lincoln on  
the day of June 1845 to whom were born  
in this second Marriage first, their son  
William Hipkin Born the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1847

Their second child Elizabeth Hipkin was born  
the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 1851 and died the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
August 1866 in the 16<sup>th</sup> year of her Age.....

Their third child Julia Hipkin was born the 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
May 1855 their fourth child Joseph Hipkin was  
born the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1856 and their fifth  
child Annie Hipkin was born the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1859  
Annie Hipkin Mother of the above and second  
Wife of Frederick Hipkin died the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June  
one thousand eight hundred and sixty in the thirty fourth  
year of her Age...

Frederick Hipkin's third Marriage was with Susan  
Ashew Daughter of John and Mary Ashew of the  
Parish of Brauncewell in the County of Lincoln  
To whom there were borne in this third Marriage  
which took place at the Parish Church in New-Heaford  
on the second day of July one thousand eight hundred & sixty one  
First, Frederick Hipkin Born the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December  
1862  
Second, John Hipkin Born the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1864  
3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Twins Boy Walter, Girl Mary Born on the  
3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1865 Both died in their Infancy  
Mary on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May Walter the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1865  
5<sup>th</sup> child, Mary Elizabeth Hipkin, born on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1870

Frederick HIPKIN wrote his will 20 May 1893:

OFFICE NO. 1  
VALID ONLY IF BEARING  
IMPRESSED COURT SEAL

This is the last Will and Testament of me  
Frederick Hipkin the Elder of Seaford in the County of  
Lincoln Gentleman I appoint my Sons Frederick and John  
(hereinafter called my Trustees) Trustees and Executors of this  
my Will and bequeath to each of them a Legacy of Ten  
Pounds if he shall act in the trusts of this my Will but  
not otherwise I bequeath to my son Frederick the gold  
watch and chain and appendages which I now wear  
conditionally on his giving to my son Joseph at my decease  
the Waltham watch which he (my son Frederick now  
wears) the Timepiece in my Bedroom, my Scott's Family  
Bible, my Bedchamber and vindamental rate tobacco boxes the  
framed portrait and address presented me by the Primitive  
Methodists and the bedstead (with the bed and bedding  
appertaining thereto) in my best bedroom I bequeath to my  
son John the Timepiece presented to me by the Trustees  
of Seaford my Kettle's Family Bible an ancient Biblical  
Concordance Bayly's Biblical Dictionary and the bedstead  
with the bed and bedding appertaining thereto in the  
bedroom occupied by me I bequeath to my son Joseph  
the Timepiece in my best bedroom I bequeath to my  
daughter Mary Elizabeth my pianoforte harmonium  
music stool and music my plate glass and china  
the bedstead (with the bed and bedding appertaining  
thereto) in the room known as the boys room the  
remainder of my wearing and my household linen  
I bequeath to Julia Gregory Niece of my late Wife the  
Legacy or sum of Twenty pounds as a slight  
acknowledgment of the care and attention bestowed by  
her upon my late Wife and upon myself but I declare  
that such Legacy is conditional on her being in my  
service at the time of my decease I give devise and  
bequeath all my personal estate not hereby otherwise  
disposed of and all my real estate whatsoever and  
wheresoever unto my Trustees upon trust to sell and  
convert into money such part thereof as shall not

consist of money and after paying my debts and funeral  
and testamentary expenses and the pecuniary legacies  
hereinbefore bequeathed to stand possessed of the net proceeds  
thereof In trust for my children Julia (the Wife of John  
Thomas Hornston Joseph, Annie (the Wife of Ephraim Scott)  
Frederick, John and Mary Elizabeth in equal shares and  
if any of such named children shall die in my lifetime  
leaving a child or children who shall survive me and  
being a Son or Sons shall attain the age of twenty one  
years or being a Daughter or Daughters shall attain that  
age or marry under that age then and in every such  
case the last mentioned child or children shall take (and  
if more than one equally between them) the share which  
his her or their parent would have taken if living at my  
death I declare that the amounts due to me from John  
Thomas Hornston (the husband of my Daughter Julia) and  
my Sons Joseph, Frederick and John shall be respectively  
taken as part of their respective shares in my estate and I  
also declare that my Trustees shall not sell ~~any part~~  
of my real estate occupied by Josiah Butler until the  
same shall have been offered to him by my Trustees in  
writing under their hands at a Valuation to be made  
by two Valuers named by my Trustees or if such  
Valuers disagree then to be made by a third Valuer to  
be named by the other two before they shall enter upon the  
Valuation but these Valuers need not attend the said Josiah Butler  
shall have refused or omitted to notify in writing under  
his hand to my Trustees his acceptance of the offer within  
ten days after the making thereof but no purchaser under  
my Will shall be concerned to take notice of this direction I  
revoke all prior Wills In Witness whereof I the said Frederick  
Hepker the Elder the Testator <sup>have</sup> to this my last Will and  
Testament set my hand this twentieth day of May one thousand  
eight hundred and ninety three  
Signed by the said Frederick Hepker  
the Elder the Testator as and for his last Frederick Hepker Seneca

Will and Testament in our presence, who  
in his presence and in the presence of each  
other have herunto subscribed our names  
as Witnesses

Teste Wm Gill Sleaford Solicitor's Clerk  
Chasby Brown Sleaford Architect's Clerk  
T.S. 9.

On the ninth day of March 1894 Probate of this  
Will was granted at Lincoln to Frederick Hepkin  
and John Stephen the Executors

Scribed 15 March 1894. I do hereby certify this to be a correct copy  
of the original.  
District Reg.

It is noteworthy that Frederick did not mention his eldest son in the will. The author's aunt stated that there was bad blood in the family in that it was expected that William would inherit his father's

business. However not only did William want nothing of this, he also became a Congregational Minister rather than a Methodist Minister, which at least would have been in keeping with the religious predilections of the father.

Below are the two pictures of Frederick HIPKIN and one of his second wife Annie HODGETT given to the author by his Aunt Doris (FAUX) ASTON the daughter of Gertrude (HIPKIN) FAUX.



*Photo of Frederick Hipkin circa age 50*



*Photo of Frederick Hipkin circa age 70*



*Photo of Annie Hodgett circa age 32*

Frederick was very active in the Methodist Church, and at some point received the title “Reverend”. This is reflected in the memorial plaque in the Methodist Church in New Sleaford as seen below, noting that, “He was an acceptable local preacher, and an official of this Church. Also a liberal supporter of all its institutions for upwards of fifty years”.





This photo was taken by the author during a trip to England circa 1990. At this time the Church was undergoing renovation and the above plaque was propped up against a wall outside the Church.

Frederick HIPKIN died on 9 February 1894 at New Sleaford. He was buried at the Sleaford Churchyard with his tombstone as seen in the pictures below. The tombstone for his second wife Annie (HODGETT) HIPKIN is also included.





*Tombstone of Annie (HODGETT) HIPKIN*

**DNA Testing:** The current author has many high DNA matches with his many second cousins in Canada and Australia. In terms of matches specifically to descendants of Frederick at the third and fourth cousin levels there is a testing bias which is important. Many in “the Colonies” have taken DNA tests with Ancestry dot com or other companies, however it is less “popular” in England and this plus the increasing genetic distance means that, at least in this case there will be fewer DNA matches. An exception is the family of Sarah Ann (HIPKIN) BROWN, the wife of Thomas Manton BROWN. Sarah Ann was the daughter of Frederick and half - sister of the

author's ancestor Rev. William HIPKIN. She and her family emigrated to Upstate New York. There are a total of 12 matches to this family, with the largest match being 23 cM and 3 segments.

Despite three wives and 10 children only children Rev. William HIPKIN and the above noted half - sister left large numbers of descendants. The author has but one other 3<sup>rd</sup> cousin or greater HIPKIN match, a single one to a descendant of a full sister of Rev. William HIPKIN, Julia (HIPKIN) HARMSTON.

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