

Historical Sketch

Russellville to the Highland Lick crosses Drake's Creek near Samuel Williams'; thence a straight line to the mouth of M'Farlin's fork; thence down the west fork to Pond River to the mouth thereof, thence down said river to the Hopkins' County line, shall be . . . added to the county of Hopkins." (1) The legislature approved an act <sup>of</sup> January 31, 1844, providing for a resurvey of the Hopkins-Christian County lines. Daniel H. Harrison, of Christian County, and Ambrose Gordon, of Hopkins County, were named commissioners to make this survey, but no changes were noted. (2) In 1847 all that part of Caldwell County lying north and east of Tradewater River was added to Hopkins County under provisions of an act approved January 30, 1847. (3) In 1860, <sup>its</sup> boundaries again were altered when a portion of its territory was taken to create Webster County. (4) On February 20, 1884, still another and final act affecting the county's boundary line was approved, authorizing a change in the Hopkins-Webster County line to include Slaughtersville in the county of Webster. (5)

At present Hopkins is bounded by the following counties: Webster on the north; McLean and Muhlenberg on the east; Christian on the south; and Webster and Caldwell <sup>and</sup> on the West. (6)

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Early Settlers

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In 1780, when Kentucky County, Virginia, was divided into three counties, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Fayette, the tangled wilderness which later became known

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1. Acts of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, 1819, p. 839, hereinafter cited as Acts.
2. Acts, 1843-44, p. 19.
3. Acts, 1846-47, p. 11.
4. Acts, 1859-60, I, 76.
5. Acts, 1883-84, I, 304.
6. Rand-McNally Commercial Atlas and Marketing Guide, 70th ed., p. 156.