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**SARAH HAZZARD HOPKINS AGAN
DIARY TRANSCRIPT, CA. 1883–1886**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Sarah Hazzard Hopkins was born on 3 March 1805 in Bourbon County, Kentucky. Her father was Eseck Hopkins (1777–1859), originally of Hopkins Discovery, Delaware, and her mother was Mary "Polly" Aikman Hopkins (1779–1856), originally of Newton Township, Pennsylvania. Eseck and Polly Hopkins married on 17 January 1802 in Bourbon County, Kentucky, and they had seven children while living there: Elizabeth Henry, John Lyle, Sarah Hazzard, Zelek, Eleanor, Mariah Ann, and Samuel Morell Donnell. In October 1818, the Hopkins family immigrated to Daviess County, Indiana, where Eseck and Polly had four more children: Rhoda Jane, George, Ezekiel, and Margaret. Eseck and Polly both died in Daviess County, Indiana.

Sarah Hopkins married John P. Agan (1794–1864) on 22 November 1824 in Washington, Daviess County, Indiana. He was a farmer who also served as the county surveyor from 1852 to 1856. The Agans had eight children together: Mary, John S., William H., Sarah Jane, Laura E., Florence, Martha, and Clockta.

After her husband's death, Sarah Agan continued living on the family farm. By 1880, the U.S. Federal Census lists her as living with her son, John S. Agan (1831–1912); his wife Ella (Ellen) J. Brolley Agan (1849–1942); and their children, Florence, John, and Francis. Ella Agan's entry on the 1900 U.S. Federal Census indicates that she and her husband had two additional children, Charles and Albert, between 1880 and 1900. Sarah Hazzard Hopkins Agan died in 1888, cause unknown.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of a transcript of a photostat of the first page of a diary written by Sarah Hazzard Hopkins, which was begun in 1883. The original photostat was in the possession of Mrs. Eleanor Gerard Russell of Detroit, Michigan. The photostat was transcribed by Caroline Dunn on 3 April 1941.

The diary transcript contains three short entries which record the basics of Sarah Hazzard Hopkins Agan's life up until about 1886. In the entries, Agan describes her family history, the Hopkins' emigration from Kentucky to Indiana, her neighbors in Daviess County, and the death of her husband, John P. Agan.

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