

## **Hopkins, Nathan Thomas** <sup>[1]</sup>

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Nathan Thomas Hopkins, clergyman and Kentucky legislator and congressman, was born in [Ashe County](#) <sup>[2]</sup>. He attended the common schools, was ordained a [Baptist](#) <sup>[3]</sup> minister in 1876, and engaged in the ministry for half a century. As a youth Hopkins moved to Kentucky, where he became a merchant, timberman, and farmer in the vicinity of Yeager, Pike County. He served as the tax assessor for Floyd County from 1878 to 1890 and as a member of the Kentucky State House of Representatives in 1893–94 and again in 1923–24. As a [Republican](#) <sup>[4]</sup>, he successfully contested the election of [Joseph M. Kendall](#) <sup>[5]</sup> to the Fifty-fourth Congress and served from 18 Feb. to 3 Mar. 1897. In 1900 he was an unsuccessful candidate for election to the Fifty-seventh Congress.

In May 1871 Hopkins married Nancy Johnson (b. 1850) in Pike County, Ky. They had four children: William J. (b. July 1884), Thomas C. (b. January 1887), Rosey B. (b. December 1890), and Benjamin H. (b. May 1894). Hopkins died in Pikesville, Ky., and was buried in Potter Cemetery, Yeager, Ky.

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