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## **Letter from Edwards A. Park to George Sibley, November 10, 1851**

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George C. Sibley

St. Charles Missouri,

My dear Sir,

Your letter of the 27 & 28 July received. Be pleased to accept my thanks for your goodness in communicating to me so much important information. I assure you, sir, that your answers to my questions, so far from being "tedious" through their \_\_\_, are the more interesting on account of it. It is a great satisfaction to me, that I have been able to learn from you so many \_\_\_ of the Hopkins family with which you are connected. And this knowledge which I have already acquired makes me \_\_\_ to obtain more. It seems to me that in those letter of Dr. Hopkins, addressed to yourself & your brother, of which you speak, these may be some passages which would be valuable for publication. Are there not some things in them which would illustrate the Doctor's character? If so, I should be very glad to receive a copy of them at your earliest convenience. I am anxious to include in my Memoir every thing which I can obtain respecting the subject of it, that is of any value; & as the time is past at hand when the work must be printed it is important for me to have immediately whatever material I am yet to make use of.

I shall endeavor, dear sir, to forward to you, ere long, the genealogical record of which I speak. My excessive engagements have prevented me from doing so before this. I intend to send your letter to your cousin, the daughter of Mrs. Fisher, as I a, sure its contents will be very interesting to her.

The maiden name of Dr. Hopkin's second wife was Elizabeth West. Her native place was Boston, & there Dr. H. became acquainted with her, in one of his visits to that city, many years before the death of his first wife. Their friendship was a deeply religious one. Enclosed I transmit to you a copy of a latter written by Dr. Hopkins to Miss West, thirty years before their marriage.

Miss West was a lady of remarkable intellectual \_\_\_ and of \_\_\_ piety.

I shall hope to hear from you soon, dear sir, if you find yourself able to add any thing to the very valuable contributions which you have already made to my work.

With very high regard,

I am your friend and servant

Edwards A. Park