WWI Veteran

Pte. Henry Mansell Hawkins, son of **Henry Burgess Hawkins** and **Martha Clark**, was born on 29 Jan 1897 in Stafford Twp., died on 15 Oct 1973 in Stafford Twp., aged 76, and was buried in St. Patrick's Anglican Cemetery, Stafford Twp.

Henry married **Myrtle Melissa Huckabone**, daughter of **Robert R Huckabone** and **Catherine Esther Ann Libby**, on 22 Nov 1922 in Micksburg. Myrtle was born on 15 Nov 1898 in Wilberforce Twp., died on 16 Apr 1969 in Pembroke, aged 70, and was buried in St. Patrick's Anglican Cemetery, Stafford Twp. They had 4 children: Aenid McMaster, Ellis, Willis & Orland.^{1,3}



Mansell enlisted into the 2nd Depot Battalion, Eastern Ontario Regiment of the Canadian Expeditionary Force on 2 Oct 1917 in Renfrew at the age of 20 years, 10 months. He was 5' 41/2" tall with grey eyes and brown hair. He listed his occupation as farmer. Pte. Mansell Hawkins served in England with the 6th reserve Battalion and was discharged due to demobilization on Jul 7, 1919.²

Image 1: Military photograph of Pte. H. Mansell Hawkins (his future wife photo inset)⁴

H. MANSELL HAWKINS

On October 15, 1973, Henry Mansell Hawkins passed away at Pembroke Civic Hospital in his 77th year. Born in Stafford Township, he

was a son of the late Henry Burgess Hawkins and his wife Martha Clarke. In 1922 he was united in marriage to Myrtle Melissa Huckabone who predeceased him in 1969.

Surviving are one daughter Mrs. Eric (AEnid) McMaster of Eganville and two sons Ellis and Orland of Cobden. He was predeceased by one son Willis of Pembroke in 1970. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren; four brothers, Carson, Mel and Morris of Pembroke and Eric of Coppereliff, and one sister, Mrs. Eva Winters of Pembroke. He was predeceased by four brothers, Roy, Clarke, Lindsay and Gerald, and two sisters, Mrs. Elsie Gibson and Doris in child-hood.

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The funeral was held from the Fraser-Morris Funeral Home to St. Patrick's Anglican Church, Stafford, for service conducted by Rev, Robert E. Thorne. Burial was in the adjoining Anglican Ceme-

Pallbearers were George Clifford, Lindsay Montgomery, Peter Dobson, Orville Rollins, Clifford Stone and Barclay Hawkins.

Image 2: Obituary of Mansell Hawkins³

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