

## 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.<sup>1,3</sup>



Mansell enlisted into the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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' 4 1/2" tall with grey eyes and brown hair. He listed his occupation as farmer. Pte. Mansell Hawkins served in England with the 6<sup>th</sup> reserve Battalion and was discharged due to demobilization on Jul 7, 1919.<sup>2</sup>

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

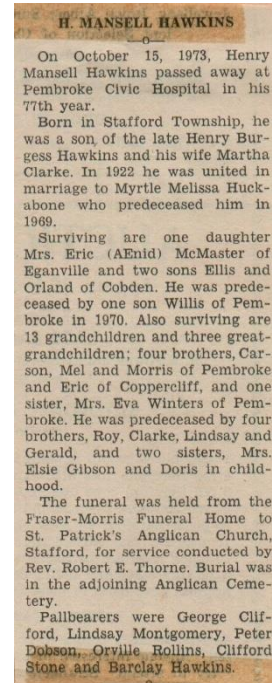


Image 2: Obituary of Mansell Hawkins<sup>3</sup>

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