

Descendants of Harold Woodward Hawkins

Generation No. 1

1. HAROLD WOODWARD¹ HAWKINS was born 01 Feb 1887 in Aston, Warwickshire, and died 15 Mar 1940 in of Dunchurch. He married SUSANNAH WISE GIBBS Abt. Jan 1913 in Rugby area, Warwickshire. She was born 31 Jul 1884 in City of London, and died 09 May 1962 in Chapel en le Frith area, Derbyshire.

Notes for HAROLD WOODWARD HAWKINS:

B.T.H. OFFICIAL'S DEATH

Collapse In Office

INQUEST AND FUNERAL

HEARING groans from the office of his departmental chief with whom he had discussed business only a few minutes earlier, on Friday afternoon, a Rugby B.T.H. employee hurried in to find Mr. Harold Woodward Hawkins in a state collapse.

Mr. Hawkins, who was well-known as the Superintendent of the Fabrication Department, died a few minutes later, and the inquest was held at his home, "Dunrovin," Coventry Road, Dunchurch, on Tuesday, by the Divisional Coroner (Mr. E. F. Hadow).

He was 53 years of age, and his wife, Susannah Wise Hawkins, told the Coroner they had been married 28 years, and but for a touch of pleurisy about three years ago, her husband had enjoyed good health. Recently he had stayed away from work when he had a cold, but had not been seen by a doctor. She thought he had become thinner, but attributed that to extreme responsibility at the Works. " He was working very hard, but he never complained of feeling ill."

Herbert Henry Reeve, works planner, 29, Slade Road, Rugby, said he had known Mr. Hawkins for eleven years. He had always attended the departmental outings, and was a normal, healthy man. " I worked in the office next to his, and about 3.30 p.m. Friday afternoon I discussed business with him. He was perfectly normal. A few minutes afterwards I was at my own desk. There is only a thin partition between the offices, and I heard a groan. I thought something was wrong, and went into his office, to find him in a state of collapse at his desk. His head was forward on his chest, and I realised he was ill and telephoned for the Works ambulance."

The Coroner said it was obviously a stroke.

Dr. E. N. Jenkinson said Mr. Hawkins was dead when he arrived at the Works, and the cause of death was cerebral hemorrhage.

Returning verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, the Coroner expressed the sympathy of the town and county with the widow.

THE FUNERAL

Members of Mr. Hawkins' department formed a guard of honour, and others acted as bearers, at the interment, which took place in Dunchurch Churchyard, on Tuesday afternoon. The funeral was delayed to permit of the attendance of Mr. Hawkins' second son, Mr. V. A. Hawkins, who is in the Army, and was given special leave from France. A service was held in Dunchurch Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. H. Roberts).

The immediate mourners were Mrs. H. W. Hawkins (widow), Mr. H. O. Hawkins and Mr. V. A. Hawkins (sons), Miss D. M. Hawkins (daughter), Mr. J. F. A. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hawkins, Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hawkins, Beaconsfield, and Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Hawkins, Birmingham (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pike and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Beresford, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Linnell.

The bearers were Messrs. H. H. Reeve, F. W. Burbery, and J. W. Smith (office staff), and M. Cox, F. Cox, and G. Bishop (shop).

Members of the fabrication factory who attended in addition to the bearers, were - Messrs. T. Holme, C. J. Pointon, J. C. Clarke, C. Jenkins, A. Whitehead, H. Allen, R. W. Hessian, and Miss E. Hodgson (office staff), and Messrs. J. Loydall, S. Watts, A. Poole, L. Torney, A. Harper, L. Ingram, J. Ogburn, J. Satchwell, F. Turner, A. Simpson, and A. Wagstaff (shop).

Other members of the B.T.H. present were Messrs. A. P. Young (Works Manager), G. H. Nelsey (representing Mr. H. F. Farmer, Superintendent of the Control Gear Factory, and also Bilton Working Men's Club), P. C. Taylor (representing Mr. C. A. Martin), H. L. Satchell, Coales, K. F. Kingwell, W. C. Feil, T. Brammer, H. Dreghorn, F. Rout. C. Jenkins, G. H. Wray, E. C. Merrick, E. Laughton, L. Sales, F. J. Rowland. P. D. Morris, M. Walker, T. R. Allison, C. J. Sarjeant, J. Francis, T. C. Foster, C. J. Power, B. S. Morgan, G. Pedlar, J. Mann, L. G. Axe, J. G. Wellings, and W. S. Perkins. There were also present Mr. W. R. Jones, Birmingham (representing the Institute of Welding Engineers), Mr. A. Cooke (representing Messrs. J. Parnell and Son), the Rev. Noel Prentice. Mrs. T. Holme, Mrs. C. J. Pointon[?], Mrs. C. E. Pearce, and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. White.

Wreaths were received from the following : Mother; Pat, Madge, and Harold; Victor, Dorothy and John; Jack and Lilian; Vic and Sophie; Edgar and Ethel; Amy and Will; Mr. and Mrs. Worthington and family; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pearce and Mrs. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Young; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pike; Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and family; Mr. and Mrs. Batchelor and family; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Beresford; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Linnell; Mrs. Lovatt and Doris; Mr. and Mrs. E. Laughton; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. White; the Misses Freeman[?]; Mr. and Mrs. Borton and Mr. and Mrs. Tyler; Dorothy Seymour; Mr. and Mrs. Collins[?]; Mr. and Mrs. Mason and Mary; Mr. Mrs. and Holme; Peter and Mrs. Poynton; Mr. and Mrs. Reading; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Costello; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Malin; Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Farmer; Committee and members, Bilton Working Mens Club. B.T.H. Co. Ltd.; Office staff of Fabrication, Fabrication Factory, the Management Rugby Works, Fellow Superintendents of Rugby Works. His friends in the Willesden Organisation Dept., Works Stores and Order Dept., Transformer Drawing Office, Transformer Engineering Dept., Staff of the Transformer Sales, the Transformer Factory, Inspection Dept., the Staff of the Plant Dept., Officers and men of the B.T.H. Military Band, Mr R. Given, Esther, Planning Dept. Rugby Works. Gordon M. Campbell, Tinsmiths' Dept., and D.C. Engineers, Colleagues at Birmingham Works, Operation Planning.

The funeral arrangements were carried by Rugby Co-operative Society.[Rugby Advertiser, Friday, 22 March, 1940]

died aged 53 years

Sept. 1939. evacuee Derek Franzen lived in this household.

More About HAROLD WOODWARD HAWKINS:

Address (Facts Pg) 1: Apr 1911, 14, Kimberley road, Rugby, Warwickshire, as lodger

Address (Facts Pg) 2: Bet. Dec 1937 - Mar 1940, Dunrovin, Coventry road, Dunchurch, Warwickshire

Birth Registration: Abt. Jan 1887, Aston reg. dist. 6d 397

Burial: 19 Mar 1940, St. Peter's, Dunchurch

Death Registration: Abt. Jan 1914, Rugby reg. dist. 6d 1749

Occupation 1: Apr 1911, mechanical draughtsman, B.T.H.

Occupation 2: Sep 1939, superintendent of a fabrication factory [BTH]

Notes for SUSANNAH WISE GIBBS:

died aged 77 years

More About SUSANNAH WISE GIBBS:

Address (Facts Pg) 1: Apr 1911, 14, Kimberley road, Rugby, Warwickshire

Address (Facts Pg) 2: Bet. Dec 1937 - Mar 1940, Dunrovin, Coventry road, Dunchurch, Warwickshire

Address (Facts Pg) 3: Bet. 1938 - 1942, Coventry road, Dunchurch, Warwickshire

Birth Registration: Abt. Jul 1884, Pancras reg. dist. 1b 90

Occupation: Apr 1911, lamp inspector, B.T.H.

Children of HAROLD HAWKINS and SUSANNAH GIBBS are:

i. DOROTHY MARY² HAWKINS, b. 30 Aug 1914, Rugby area, Warwickshire; d. 06 Mar 2002, Salisbury area, Wiltshire; m. JOHN FRANCIS ARCHARD GIBSON, 30 Mar 1940, St. Andrew's, Rugby; b. 19 May 1913, Winchester area; d. 30 Jul 1984, Honiton area, Devon.

Notes for DOROTHY MARY HAWKINS:
Dorothy Mary or Dorothy May ?

More About DOROTHY MARY HAWKINS:

Address (Facts Pg) 1: 1938, Coventry road, Dunchurch, Warwickshire
Address (Facts Pg) 2: Sep 1939, Dunrovin, Coventry road, Dunchurch, Warwickshire
Birth Registration: Abt. Oct 1914, Rugby reg. dist. 6d 1455
Occupation: Sep 1939, government established shorthand typist

More About JOHN FRANCIS ARCHARD GIBSON:

Address (Facts Pg) 1: Sep 1939, 24, Regent place, Rugby, Warwickshire
Address (Facts Pg) 2: Jul 1984, 39, Govers Meadow, Colyton, Devon
Birth Registration: Abt. Apr 1913, Winchester reg. dist. 2c 0285
Death Registration: Jul 1984, Honiton reg. dist. 21 1159
Occupation: Sep 1939, electrical engineer

Marriage Notes for DOROTHY HAWKINS and JOHN GIBSON:

Rugby Wedding

GIBSON-HAWKINS

A CHORISTER at Rugby Parish Church and an amateur opera and drama player, Mr. John Francis Archard Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Gibson, 47, Western Road, Winchester, was married at the Parish Church on Saturday afternoon to Miss Dorothy May Hawkins, daughter of the late Mr. H. W. Hawkins, and Mrs. Hawkins, Dunrovin, Coventry Road, Dunchurch.

Mr. Gibson and his bride were both interested in the Rugby Technical College Amateur Dramatic Society, and played in their productions, some which were produced by Mr. Gibson, who has also played minor principal parts in some of the shows presented by the B.T.H. Amateur Operatic Society. Mr. Gibson is employed at the Rugby B.T.H. Works, and Miss Hawkins has been on the staff of the Rugby Inland Revenue Office.

The wedding took place quietly owing to the recent sudden death of the bride's father, and a quiet reception was afterwards held at the bride's home.

The Rector (the Ven. Richard Brook) officiated, and the bride was escorted to church by her brother, Mr. D. A. Hawkins. Appropriate voluntaries were played by the organist (Mr. E. W. Grocock), and the choral service included the hymns "Lead me, Lord," sung by the choir at the beginning of the service, "Gracious, Holy Spirit," and "Breathe on me, breath of God."

The bride's dress was of ivory brocade, with a veil and head-dress of orange blossom, and she wore a gold cross, carrying a sheaf of lilies. Her only attendant was the bridegroom's sister, Miss M. E. Gibson, who wore a mauve chiffon dress, with deep pink velvet sash and a Juliet cap. Her bouquet was of pink tulips. Mr. G. N. Leech, a friend of the bridegroom, was best man.

After the reception the couple left for their honeymoon, at Winchester, Mrs. Gibson travelling in black Angora two-piece coat and frock, with a moleskin coat, the gift of the bridegroom. They are to live at 35, Faraday Road, Rugby. [Rugby Advertiser, Friday, 05 April, 1940]

ii. HAROLD OSBORNE HAWKINS, b. 30 Aug 1914, Rugby area, Warwickshire; d. 17 Jul 1991, Stockport area, Greater Manchester; m. MARJORY WORTHINGTON, 27 Dec 1937, St. Andrew's, Rugby; b. 30 Aug 1915; d. 12 Nov 1980, Preston and South Ribble area, Lancashire.

Notes for HAROLD OSBORNE HAWKINS:

forename recorded as Harold O in G.R.O. birth index

More About HAROLD OSBORNE HAWKINS:

Address (Facts Pg) 1: 1938, 17, Whyteleafe close, Godstone road, Whyteleafe, Surrey
Address (Facts Pg) 2: Jul 1991, 15, Dronsfield road, Fleetwood, Lancashire
Birth Registration: Abt. Oct 1914, Rugby reg. dist. 6d 1455
Death Registration: Jul 1991, Stockport reg. dist. 39 0932

More About MARJORY WORTHINGTON:

Address (Facts Pg) 1: 1938, 17, Whyteleafe close, Godstone road, Whyteleafe, Surrey

Address (Facts Pg) 2: Sep 1939, 8, Charter road, Rugby, Warwickshire

Address (Facts Pg) 3: Nov 1980, 15, Dronsfield road, Fleetwood, Lancashire

Death Registration: Abt. Jan 1980, Preston and South Ribble reg. dist. 40 2255

Marriage Notes for HAROLD HAWKINS and MARJORY WORTHINGTON:
CHRISTMAS BRIDES

Former Corporation Employees

TWO former members of the clerical staff of Rugby Corporation were married at Rugby Parish Church yesterday afternoon. The bridegroom was Mr. Harold O. Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hawkins, of "Dunrovin," Coventry Road, Dunchurch, and his bride was Miss Marjorie Worthington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Worthington, of 46. Fareham Avenue, Rugby.

Miss Worthington was correspondence clerk in the Town Clerk's department, and Mr. Hawkins was attached to the same office before becoming chief committee clerk to Caterham Urban District Council. Last March the bride took part in Rugby Amateur Operatic Society's successful production of "The Belle of New York."

A cousin of the bride, the Rev. G. I. Goodall, of Warminster, officiated at the wedding.

The bride, who was given away by her father, made a charming figure in an ankle length gown of ivory satin cloque, with a veil, and she carried a shower bouquet of white carnations and lilies of the valley. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss L. Worthington (sister of the bride) and Miss D. Hawkins (twin sister of the bridegroom). Miss Worthington wore a beige lace dress, with lace mittens, and Miss Hawkins a blue lace dress, with lace mittens. Their bouquets were composed of red carnations and pink carnations respectively.

Mr. V. Hawkins, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

A reception was held at the Royal George Hotel. Later the happy couple left for London, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride travelled in blue three-piece suit, with a fox fur (the gift of the bridegroom).

Mr and Mrs. Hawkins' future home will be 17, Whyteleafe Close, Godstone Road, Whyteleafe, Surrey. [Rugby Advertiser, Tuesday, 28 December, 1937]

iii. VICTOR AMBROSE HAWKINS, b. 16 Jul 1918, Derby area; d. 19 Aug 1986, Birmingham area.

More About VICTOR AMBROSE HAWKINS:

Address (Facts Pg): Aug 1986, 25, Park Hall close, Walsall, West Midlands

Birth Registration: Abt. Jul 1918, Derby reg. dist. 7b 0918

Death Registration: 1986, Birmingham reg. dist. 32 0273

Military service: Mar 1940, H.M. army, serving in France