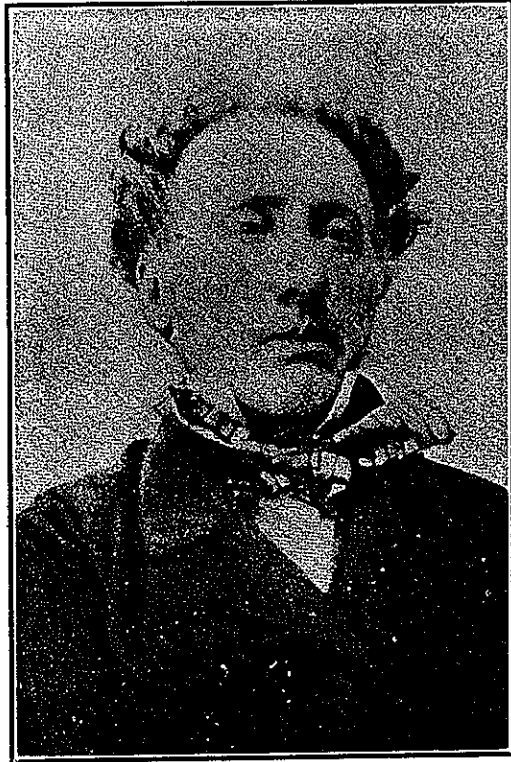


### WILLIAM HAWKINS.



The father of William Hawkins, with his wife, Margaret Riordan, came to Canada from Lurgan (possibly Lagan), County of Down, Ireland, in the year 1832. He died at Montreal a few months afterwards, but his widow lived at Brantford with their second son until her death in 1863.

There were three sons—William, born in 1807; John, born in 1808, and Dennis.

William qualified as a Deputy Provincial Surveyor on October 31st, 1832, and from 1834 to 1838 he was employed almost continuously on Government surveys, and again from 1856 to 1864. He also enjoyed a

good local practice in York County.

In 1852 he was appointed a member of the Board of Examiners, and upon the death of David Gibson, in 1864, he was appointed Chairman of the Board, which position he held until his death on August 4th, 1868.

In 1841 he married Frederica Eliza Hurd, sister of Mrs. A. J. Broughall, of 100 Howard St., Toronto, the second daughter of the Hon. Samuel Proudfoot Hurd, who was appointed Commissioner of Crown Lands in September, 1829, but apparently did not assume office until May, 1832—(see Report, 1897).

There were two children—a son, Wm. Frederick, who died May 16, 1870, aged 22 years, and a daughter, Frederica Sophia, who died September 16, 1844, aged 13 months. His widow died on April 17th, 1867, and was buried in St. James Cemetery. William Hawkins was buried in St. Michaels Cemetery.

William Hawkins' mother lived with him in Toronto for many years. After a short visit to Ireland she returned to Canada, and afterwards lived with her son, John, in Brantford, where she died about 1863.

William Hawkins aided materially in supporting his mother and his brother's children, and at his death bequeathed property to the value of about \$100,000 to his brother's family.

He resided at 401 King St. West, where Warwick Bros. and Rutter's place of business now stands. There are people now living who remember Wm. Hawkins driving about town with his white pony and sulky. Shortly before his death he built a large residence west of the Asylum, with a number of acres of land attached, but died before moving into it. This building was afterwards occupied by Judge Winchester as his home.

William Hawkins suffered for years from sciatica and rheumatism.

Mr. Hawkins performed the following important surveys for the Provincial Government prior to 1841:

1833, Town of Barrie. Town plot Essa and Sunnidale Road.

Town plot Sunnidale.

1834, Big Island. King's Mill Reserve on Humber.

1835, Exploration east of Lake Huron.

1836, Residue Maitland, Ashfield, Military Reserve, Toronto.

1837, Half acre rear of Osgoode Hall.

1838, Ashfield, Queenston Heights.

There is a tradition that from 1839 to 1855 Mr. Hawkins was employed in the Crown Lands Office, although the Hon. Samuel P. Hurd, Commissioner of Crown Lands, resigned in 1835.

He was employed on Government surveys again after 1856 as follows:—

1856, Lots 10 and 11 in 3rd concession, Whitby.

1857, Examination surveys of Passmore and Rykerts.

1858, Etobicoke 2nd con., Lots 1-5, Clarke, cons. 9 and 10, Part 7th con. Hope.

1861, Exploration Manitoulin Island.

1864, Town Plot Bronte, east boundary.

John Hawkins, brother of William, was born in 1808 and died in 1853 at Brantford. He had five cons—William, born 1836, died 1857; Thomas, born 1837, died 1860; John J., born 1840, died 1916; James, born 1844, died 1881; Arthur, twin to James, now living at Brantford; and Dennis Hawkins, of Toronto, born 1848.

John J. was a merchant in Brantford, and took an active part in politics. For many years he was a member of the City Council, and opposed Hon. A. S. Hardy, but was defeated. He afterwards contested Bothwell against the Hon. David Mills, and was elected.

### JAMES WILKINS FELL.



James Wilkins Fell was the eldest son of Charles Kinsey Fell, and brother of Zenas Fell, both of whom are mentioned in the biographical sketches in this Annual Report. James Wilkins Fell was born in the Township of Pelham, in the County of Welland, the fifth of July, 1807, and died in Chippawa, Ont., the thirteenth of September, 1865. He was twice married, first to Rachael Skinner, of Niagara Falls, in 1834, and second to Eliza Ann Hoffman, of Niagara Falls, to whom he was married in 1841.

He received his commission as a Deputy Provincial Land Surveyor on the fourteenth of November, 1835, and opened his office in the Village of Chippawa, Ont., where he continued to reside. He had an extensive practice on farm and subdivision surveys, and a large number of his plans are on file in the Welland County Registry Office. Many of his subdivision surveys are marked by large cut-stone monuments, which should be an example to those surveyors who follow him.

In addition to being a land surveyor, he was also a merchant, and was noted as being a kind, genial and free-hearted man.

By his first wife he had four children, as follows:—Maria Louisa Fell, born October 30, 1835, married Amos Chapman