

The Hawkins Family History Part 2 – A Growing Family

As mentioned, James and Sarah had children. They include Jessie, Susan, John, Clara, Julia and James Vincent. Other than being listed in the 1861 Census, the only other mention of Jessie is in the *Amherstburg Echo* article previously mentioned and in his sister Clara's 1935 obituary as someone who the older residents of town would remember. Jesse's sister Susan is also mentioned in the article above, but there is also further information for her. Susan married William Robinson and they had at least five children: David Clifton, Edgar, Sarah Lavinia/Lovenia, Fremont and Elnora. According to his birth record, David Clifton Robinson was born on January 14, 1874 in Sandwich. David's sister Sarah was born on January 20, 1876 in Colchester and later married Fremont E. Nelson, son of James A. Nelson and Esther Thompson, on August 1, 1901 in Cuyahoga, Ohio. At the time, Lovenia worked as a Domestic and Fremont was a cook. Lovenia must have married a second time because her death record from July 16, 1947 lists her as Lovenia Butler and the daughter of Susie Hawkins and William Roberson (Robinson). Her death record also states that she was 71 years old and living in Hamtramck, Michigan.

Next is Lovenia's brother Edgar who was, according to his death record, born on July 3, 1880 and died on March 24, 1933 in Hamtramck, Michigan at the age of 52. At the time he was also widowed, but his wife's name is not mentioned. Edgar's siblings Fremont and Elnora were twins who were born on January 12, 1883 in Colchester South. There was no further information for Elnora, but Fremont who is also listed as Freeman married Laura Brown who was born in Nova Scotia and lived in Detroit. She was the daughter of G.W. Brown and Jeanette Ford. The couple was married on November 16, 1905 in Windsor and, at the time, Freeman was a Coachman.

The next child of James Hawkins and Sarah Scott is John. He married twice. His first marriage was to Caroline Wilson, the daughter of John and Hannah Wilson. The couple married on June 23, 1882 in Amherstburg. John's second marriage was to Lusina Virginia Jefferson Lewis, who was previously married to Issac or Isaiah Lewis (name spelt Issic Louis on 1881 Census). On the 1881 Census for Anderdon, Lusina, whose name is spelt Lucena, is listed with her parents Thomas and Ann Francis Jefferson (spelt Jaferson), along with her daughter Josephine Louis. On August 24, 1890, John Hawkins and Lusina Lewis were married in Amherstburg. The 1891 Census lists John, a quarry labourer, with Lusina, who is listed as Lucinda. The 1901 Census lists John (a teamster) living with his sister Julia and her husband Leonard Saunders, but John's wife is not list. On October 10, 1934, Mrs. John Hawkins of Amherstburg passed away at the age of 75 years, but because her name is not listed we cannot be 100% sure that "Mrs. John Hawkins of Amherstburg," is Lusina. A few years earlier, on June 25, 1913, John passed away in Windsor at the age of 59.

What we publish is not a complete history of any family and is based on the documents that are available. We welcome photos and information to fill in the gaps. See you next week for part 3.