

Frank P. Hawkins Dies Saturday

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forbears came to this country from 1635 from England, descended from Roger Williams, and a line of English sea captains, one of six children, Frank P. Hawkins was born in Springfield, Mass., on Jan. 12, 1840. Memories of the early days in Springfield were the basis of stories he would tell—of how he heard addresses by the notable men of the time—men who were outstanding, Daniel Webster, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Wendell Phillips. It was a vivid picture he would paint of how he would climb up on the high wheel of the coach to see the speakers up above on the balcony of the old Massachusetts house. There is an old echo of another day in the narrative of this boy seeing again and again the stage coach from Boston come rolling into Springfield.

There is a suggestion in his life of what New England of that day did. It packed up and went west. Here is your New England boy coming out to the new country and helping in setting up a new community. Could we but follow that suggestion farther we would see unfolded a stirring story of the achievement and change—we had almost said advance but it is not all advance—achievement and change—from the year 1840 for a century. Just think, in that year Cunard brought his first boat from England to America, setting up what is often called the 'Atlantic Ferry.'

"As a boy when he went to school Frank Hawkins never heard these words at a Friday afternoon literary program—"With malice toward none, with charity toward all, with firmness in the right—" He did not as a boy hear of the Gettysburg address for the man from the Sangamon had not yet found himself. All the rich tradition, all the confident, gracious human heritage that we associate with the name of Lincoln had not yet come to life. He lived through the day in which that was born. How he saw the world changed. As a boy in school probably he did not know who Samuel Morse was. He probably did not know much about the telegraph if anything. His early day was entirely a day uninfluenced by this thing we call rapid communication. The names of Darwin, Pasteur, Röntgen were unknown. The world transforming things they initiated had not been introduced into the more static world of the 1840's. Think of the tremendous day spanned by the life of this man. He and his father have lived through the Presidencies of the American nation from that of George Washington to today. And how interesting it is to think that today in this room with us there is a man who 83 years ago played ball in the lots and on the streets of Springfield, Mass., with Mr. Hawkins, his dear friend through the long years. (This reference to Mr. F. D. Everett of Linden Park place, Highland Park—born Dec. 6, 1839 in Springfield, Mass.)

After leaving school he started in business as a clerk with the Connecticut River railroad. But in 1859 he came to Chicago to engage in the flour business with his brother associating with him Ex-Mayor Roche and his late Cousin Col. Wm. A. James, formerly of this city.

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ing a tunnel on Laurel avenue. "All the people on Green Bay road sold liquor.

"Moses Grocery store was run by an honest man, and it was a high-class beer saloon. Moses store was on the northwest corner of Central avenue and First street. When the working men had nothing to do, they would gamble and get drunk and then cause a riot or brawl which got to be dangerous and also was a nuisance. This was the cause of their getting a Charter and City Government. Previous to this time, there'd only been a Constable and Justice of the Peace.

"When the city was first organized in 1869 he became its first Mayor. By a striking coincidence he was its last mayor under the old form of government in 1913. He was one of the founders of the Public library, president of the school board and a member of the park board.

"One of his pet activities was the building of Sheridan road. At this time—that is in the 80's—there was no through road. He and several other men including Mr. Volney Foster and the late Mr. Alex Clarke got right of way and opened up what is now Sheridan road. He had charge of getting through that part of the road south towards Evanston.

"Mr. Hawkins was never a member of a church but those who knew him well knew him as a man who was a firm believer. Not long ago he said to one near to him, 'I am not afraid to meet my Maker'. It was the suggestion of the family that the service be held in the home in which Mr. Hawkins had lived for over 67 years but the minister of this church quickly suggested that the service be held here. Gladly would this church identify itself with a reverent remembrance of this public spirited citizen.

"If I might be permitted a further word, I would like to stress one more thought—the love of the place where one lives. That is splendidly symbolized in the life of this man. He loved Highland Park and he worked for its best welfare. Do we need that today? Is there any more crying need in our life than the demand that people of ability and honorable purpose should interest themselves in the public well. Our most expensive luxury may be an indifferent citizenship.

"One should love with a devotion almost sacred the place where he lives. We hear much talk about the Holy Land. Where is the Holy Land? Well, if anyplace, it is the place where one walks and lives. We may miss the point entirely if we think alone of the Holy Land as a bit of ground 5000 miles to the east of us. Long ago the word came to a man of great spiritual insight and understanding. The place whereon

thou standest is holy ground'. We have learned the mind of Moses enough to know that wherever that man stood it would be Holy ground. And if men and women do not find the touch of holiness in the place they call home they will in all probability never find it on this earth. Mr. Hawkins loved Highland Park. So should we all. Highland Park has been peculiarly blessed with gracious personalities. Just 100 years ago in August of this year, there was born a man of tremendous inventive and creative genius. He has been dead now for a third of a century but anyone who has ever seen a good portrait of Elisha Gray knows that Highland Park was highly favored in having him live here. And just recently there went from our midst a school master, a gracious kindly personality who for 32 years walked these streets, loving the boys and girls here and enriching many people with his fine friendship. There are many of us who will be always grateful for the life of Jesse Smith that added a touch of sacredness to this community. Mr. Hawkins loved Highland Park. Long ago he sensed its beauty. He was a practical real estate man, but what vision and constructive genius he expressed in his activity and what love of this place he chose as his home he richly expressed in the planning and the far-

sighted building he did. His fidelity and wisdom and grace have touched this community in a way that will abide through many, many years. For his service here we reverently give thanks.

"Father in Thy gracious keeping Leave we now Thy servant sleeping."

Members of the City Council passed the following resolution in recognition of Mr. Hawkins' services to Highland Park at the meeting held Monday evening, May 13.

WHEREAS in the wisdom of Divine Providence there has been removed from our midst, a former Mayor and honored citizen of Highland Park, FRANK P. HAWKINS, whose death occurred Saturday morning, May 11, after a long life, largely spent in the service of his fellow citizens and in the interests of his home city, of which he was the first executive head, also the last executive head under the Aldermanic system of municipal government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Highland Park, in behalf of the citizens of our city, and in recognition of the sterling worth and many years of efficient service of the decedent in the interests of Highland Park and its people, hereby extend to the bereaved relatives, the heartfelt sym-

pathy of the entire community. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be inscribed upon the minutes of this meeting of the City Council and that a copy be sent the family of the late FRANK P. HAWKINS.

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"A. In 1867.

"Q. Do you remember anything about the Green Bay tavern?

"A. It was on Central avenue, and would be back of Pease' drug store. (Turned into shops). It fronted East and had a wide porch.

"Q. Was Green Bay road in good condition?

"A. It was a dirt road, and you could not go to Glencoe on this side of the tracks, (east). The road stopped at Laurel avenue. There was an actual water hole in which could be found nice soft water for locomotives. This was the only source of water between Evanston and Highland Park.

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