

Hawkins-Wickham House, 1893 - 301 W. Washington St.



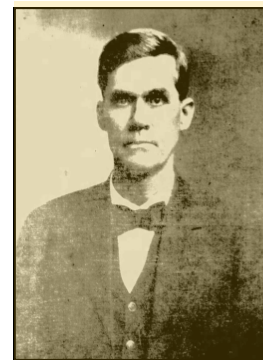
C.P. Hawkins built this frame home in 1893, where it stayed in his family for 113 years until it was sold in 2006. The 1.5-story house features seven rooms on the main floor, including a double fireplace. Hawkins, who arrived in Dunklin County in 1882, lived in Malden and Clarkton before settling in Kennett. His obituary described him as “a remarkable man in many respects, possessing an indomitable will and energy, with few equals in resourcefulness.”

Hawkins was considered one of Kennett’s leading citizens and attorneys, prominent in county and state politics. He served in the Missouri state legislature from 1890-99, 1908, and 1910, and held the position of county attorney in 1886-88 and 1894. In 1912, he served in the state senate.

In 1884, Hawkins married Augusta Bells Waltrip, the daughter of Judge J.M. Waltrip, another pioneer of the area, and the granddaughter of financier Elgin White, one of the wealthiest men in the region. Augusta was a charter member of the Presbyterian Church of Kennett.



Mr. Hawkins’ daughter Jessie Pearl on trike, and sister Lucy (also with curls) and their brother Paul on bicycle with friends at their playhouse which is no longer stands.



*C.P. Hawkins
b. 1860 - d. 1917.*

Sources: *History of Southeast Missouri*, Robert Sidney Douglass, 1912; *History of Dunklin County, Mo.*, Mary Smythe-Davis, 1895; *Dunklin County Historical Society*; *Dunklin Daily Democrat*, *Twice-A-Week Democrat*. Sketches by KHS Art Club, 1982. Scan the QR code for more information on Kennett’s history.

