**William S. Hawkins**

William S. Hawkins was born on December 1, 1913 in Atlanta, Georgia to Walter and Malinda Hall Hawkins. He moved to Yellow Springs in approximately 19**45**, and for many years owned Hawk’s Shoe Repair in Yellow Springs which succeeded a shoe repair business that had been owned by Black businessman James “Jazz” Johnson. He retired as an employee of Yellow Springs Instruments. He died in January of 1980 and was survived by his mother, two daughters, Lebra Shaw and Darlene Hawkins of Dayton, a son William Hawkins, Jr. of Indianapolis, and seven grandchildren.

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