

# JENKINS, JAMES THOMAS



Ancestry

## EARLY LIFE

**Mar 22, 1887**

Born in Whitchurch, Ontario to James Langstaff and Mary Magdalene (Scott) Jenkins. He is the older brother of **Walter Jenkins**.

**1891 Census**

Age 4

Lived in Whitchurch, Ontario with Mary Jenkins (mother, age 37), Elsie Jenkins (sister, age 5), Walter Jenkins (brother, 7 months), Edward Cook (boarder, age 16), John Ferguson (boarder, age 19).

**1901 Census**

Age 14

Lived in King, Ontario with James Jenkins (head of house – father, age 49), Mary Jenkins (mother, age 47), Elsie Jenkins (sister, age 15), Walter Jenkins (brother, age 10), Mary Jenkins (sister, age 9) and Fred Hill (boarder, age 21).

**1911 Census**

Age 24

Lived in King, Ontario with James Jenkins (head of house – father, age 59) and Mary Jenkins (mother, age 57).

## MILITARY SERVICE

**May 10, 1916**

Officer: 127<sup>th</sup> Overseas Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force

**Attestation  
Paper**

- **Number:** Lieutenant
- **Present address:** King, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** James Langstaff Jenkins (Father) in King, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Collegiate teacher
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** Yes – 127<sup>th</sup> Overseas Battalion, CEF (York Rangers)
- **Religion:** Presbyterian

**Jan 13, 1917**

Age 29

Arrived in France.

**Jan 10, 1919**

Age 32

Lieutenant James Jenkins was discharged because of general demobilization. He served in England and France with the 127<sup>th</sup> Overseas Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion and the Canadian Railway Troops.

### AFTER THE WAR

**Jul 15, 1919**

Age 31

Married Maude Elizabeth Zuern (age 27), daughter of John and Henriette (Schroeder) Zuern, of Toronto, Ontario.

**1921 Census**

Age 34

Worked as a teacher and lived at 87 Belsige Drive in Toronto, Ontario with Maude Jenkins (wife, age 30).

**Jun 28, 1941**

Age 54

Crossed the Border to the United States with Maude Jenkins (wife)

Arrived from Toronto, Ontario

Port of Arrival: Buffalo, New York, United States

Departure Contact: Walter Jenkins (brother)

**Jul 24, 1946**

Age 59

Crossed the Border to the United States (age 59)

Port of Arrival: Buffalo, New York, United States

Arrival Contact: Maude Jenkins (wife)

Departure Contact: Walter Jenkins (brother)

**1952**

Age 65

Retired from being a principal and teacher at Jarvis Collegiate, where he was a teacher for 30 years and a principal for the last two.

**Sep 5, 1955**

Age 68

Died in Haven, Clinton, Pennsylvania, United States at his summer home. He died of coronary thrombosis which was the result of arteriosclerotic heart disease. He is buried at the Church of Brethren Cemetery, Eastville, Clinton, Pennsylvania, United States.

### MENTIONED IN EARL CAMPBELL'S LETTERS HOME

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**MENTIONED IN ALICE FERGUSON'S REMINISCENCES OF EVERSLEY**

**Honour Roll 1914-1918**

REMINISCENCES OF EVERSLEY, ONTARIO, King Township  
by Alice A. Ferguson (1950)

On the walls of St Andrews Presbyterian Church at Eversley hang two Honour Rolls of the boys who took part in both Wars.. How well I remember we would meet every week to fill boxes of food and things for these boys, sew them up in cotton and send them off. Rev Robert Brydon was minister at this time with dear old Dr. Carmichael assisting. He had retired after 50 years of service to the Tawse Manse House next to the Church. For 50 years he had lived at Strange, in the house that the congregation had built for him when he came to St Andrews Church in 1860 as the assisting minister to Rev John Tawse whose health was failing.

The Sunday School was flourishing and the Young People's Society and the Church Services were well attended every Sunday. All members of the families would attend divine worship, sometimes two pews were allotted to one family.

1914-1918 Roll of Honour

Pte Harper F. Wells	Pte Henry S Ferguson
Pte Alex McDonald	Pte Fred Hope
Lieu Jas. T Jenkins	Pte Leonard Ferguson
Pte Melville Mitchell	Pte Leslie Hope
Corp T Harry Bovair	Pte Harvey Gellatly
Pte Septimus Ball	Pte J. Pearson Wells
Pte Norman Lloyd	Pte Cecil L. Wells
Pte Roger Gellatly	Pte Lorne Mitchell
Lieu Walter S Jenkins	Pte Arwood Cairns
Lieu Roy Wells	Pte Lindsey Ferguson
Pte Wm Cairns	Pte Arthur Bovair
Pte Alfred Hurst	

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**GUILD LIST OF BOYS OVERSEAS FROM KETTLEBY AREA.**

Edward S. Williams ..Wounded.	S. Brown.....Killed.
S. J. Archibald.	G. Proctor.
W. M. Watson.....Wounded.	H. Proctor.
E. J. Watson.....Killed.	J. T. Jenkins.
L. Robb. ✓	Geo. Howitt.
Carl Grainger.	Harry Mount. ✓
L. Waldock. ✓	James Allen.
A. Burdette.	Geo. Jefferson.
D. Powell.	C. McKinley.
Rev. J. E. Gibson.	A. McKinley.
G. Anning.	Harold Cook.
A. Holmes.....Prisoner.	W. Woods.
Folten Fox.	E. Hutchins.
M. L. C. Mitchell.	

## IN THE NEWS

### Returned Home

Friday, January 17, 1919

Three officers of the 127th Battalion have returned from overseas and resumed their former civil occupations. Capt. W. R. Smith is home and returned to his duties at Ryrie Bros.; Lieut. C. P. Van Norman is able to be about again after having been invalided home and has resumed his work as resident engineer of the Metropolitan Railway; Lieut. J. Jenkins has also returned and is again on the teaching staff of the Oakwood Collegiate, at Toronto. Lieut. Jenkins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jenkins of King City, and recruited the King platoon for the 127th Battalion and went overseas with that unit.

### Information on the 127<sup>th</sup> Battalion Association

The Aurora Banner

Friday, May 14, 1919

The 127th Battalion Association, York Rangers, has appointed Sergt. W. T. Hulme of Oak Ridges, to take charge of its office and club room at the Regimental Armories, St. Paul's Hall, 858 Yonge Street, Toronto. Sergt. Hulme, with his two sons served in France with the battalion and no one was more popular or more widely known in the unit than the veteran, "Dad Hulme," who forsook his business, joined the ranks as a private and won his sergeant's stripes on the field. The association wished to secure the names and addresses of all returned members. It wants to keep in touch with everyone who served in the battalion, either as the 127th Bn., C. E. F., or the 2nd C. R. T., B.E.F. Not only this, but it wished to get the names and addresses of the next of kin of those who have fallen.

Lieut. J. T. Jenkins, vice-president of the association, is chairman of the Executive Committee. Under its direction an effort is being made to secure and preserve all documents and records in connection with the organization and service of the battalion.

All men of the 127th or 2nd C. R. T., are requested to visit the club room and register.

## Marriage Announcement

The Toronto Star

Friday, July 18, 1919

### JENKINS—ZUERN.

A very pretty wedding took place at eight o'clock Tuesday evening, July 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. O'Neil, 193 Heath street west, when Maude Elizabeth, daughter of Mrs. H. P. Zuern of Toronto, and James Thomas Jenkins, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jenkins of King, Ont., were united in marriage, Rev. Robert Brydon officiating. The house was beautifully decorated with palms and ferns and masses of shasta daisies, delphinium, roses and lilies. As Mr. D. C. Henderson played the wedding march the bride came down the rose and fern-twined staircase, being met at the foot by her brother-in-law, Mr. H. E. O'Neil, who escorted her into the living-room where the ceremony was performed. The bride wore an exquisite gown of shell pink kitten's-ear crepe, draped with chantilly lace. The long tulle veil fell in cape effect, a filet of orange blossoms holding it in soft folds about the head. Her bouquet was of Ophelia roses and white sweet peas and she wore the groom's gift, a platinum lavalliere with a diamond and black onyx pendant. Miss Gertrude Semple as bridesmaid wore a gown of pale pink georgette crepe with hat to match. She carried pink roses. Mr. James McQueen was best man.

During the signing of the register Mrs. Thos. Nowlton sang, "Beloved It Is Morn." After the ceremony a buffet luncheon was served. The table looked lovely, centred with the bride's cake which was draped with tulle and mounted with sweetheart roses. The toast to the bride was proposed by Prof. Adam Carruthers and the toast to the King was proposed by Mr. Ralph Connable.

The bride and bridegroom left at 11.30 to spend their honeymoon at the Highland Inn, Algonquin Park, the bride traveling in a most becoming suit of navy blue tricotine and picture hat of navy taffeta and leg-horn. After their return Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins will reside in Toronto.

## Death

The Toronto Star

Tuesday, September 6, 1955 pg. 13

### RETIREE PRINCIPAL J. T. JENKINS, 68, DIES

Funeral service will be held in Logantown, Penna., Thursday, for James T. Jenkins, who died there at his summer home, Monday. Mr. Jenkins retired in 1952 as principal of Jarvis Collegiate.

Mr. Jenkins, 68, had been a teacher 47 years. For 30 years he was on the staff of Jarvis Collegiate. In 1950 he became its principal.

Born in Whitchurch, he attended Eversley public and Aurora high schools. He began teaching at 18 in King township. At the University of Toronto he distinguished himself as a boxing champion.

In World War I he served in France with the Canadian Engineers but he was recalled by the admiralty because of his

competence in mathematics. He calibrated the first magnetic mine used in the British navy.

Mr. Jenkins was the first Toronto principal to receive an honorary degree from the University of Toronto in more than 30 years. He received an LL.D. in 1952.

His son and daughter sat in his classes at Jarvis. The son, James Allister, is professor of mathematics at Notre Dame university, South Bend, Ind. The daughter, Mrs. Nicholas Sereti, has been an archeologist in Greece.

Mr. Jenkins had been teaching applied science at the University of Toronto since his retirement. He was a member of Glebe Road United church.

He is survived by his widow, one son, a daughter and two grandsons, Alexander and Philip Sereti.

Jarvis Collegiate in Toronto, Ontario

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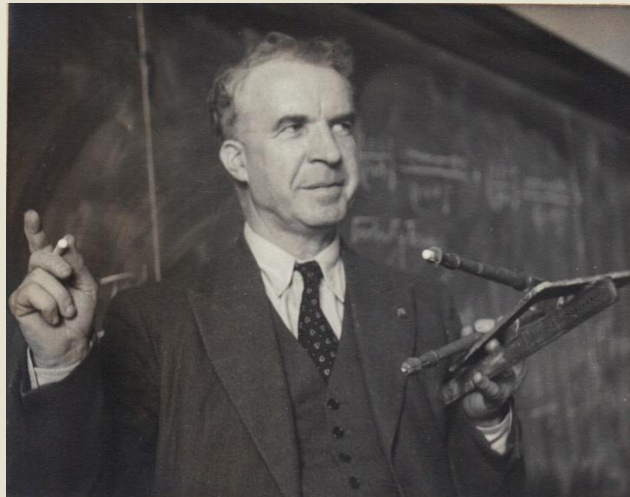
**Dr. James Jenkins**



- popular math teacher at Jarvis for 28 years, devoted to students - appointed principal only 2 years before his retirement
- after retirement received an honorary LL.B. from the University of Toronto for his contribution to math and to education at Jarvis Collegiate - in granting the degree, university president described him as "truly a mathematical Mr. Chips"

PHOTO

Undated Photo of James Jenkins



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