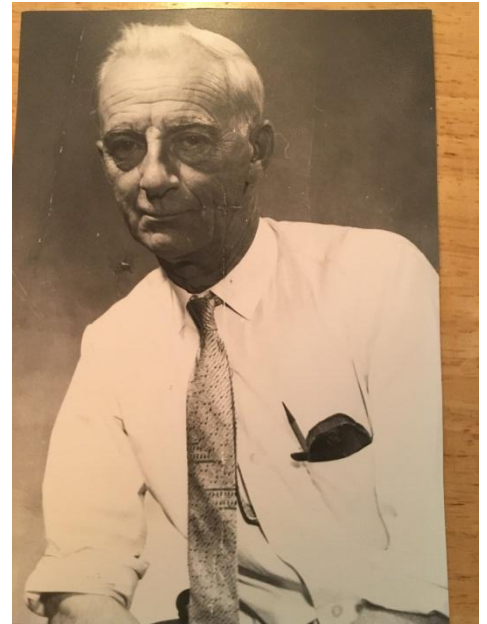


Harry Lane Gibson

Information provided by Harry's son February 4, 2022:

First let me thank you for all the work you doing archiving the AVRO employment list. Attached you'll find company picture of my Dad, Henry Lane Gibson. Now I should say firstly I didn't live in a family as a kid that shared a lot of info.

The picture was taken when my Dad worked on the Arrow at Orenda. I believe he was chief inspector of the tool and die section I think. We took a tour once and his office was in the centre of the plant. It was a large steel mesh enclosure that was locked all the time. In it was his desk, filing cabinets, holding plans and correspondence. He was a salaried employee, not one covered under the collective agreement. After the Arrow was cancelled, he got full pay for one whole year. After that he was called back but had to return to work on the bench. He had lost his supervisory employment. This really bothered him a lot but at least he had a job.



My Brother David Lane Gibson also worked I think at Orenda on the Arrow and went on to work at Hawker Siddely till he retired. He's dead now and I don't remember when. Possibly early 1980s

Yes my Dad had a supervisor position on the Lancaster during the war and stayed on after to work on the Arrow. He had fought in the first war so was too old for the second. He was born in June of 1900 in Toronto.

My mother worked on the Lancaster also and he was her boss. At the time she was married to Richard (Dick) Mosey who worked at Avro and they had three sons. John, Richard and Art. Dick cheated on Mom and my Dad was furious with him. The three boys were put into an orphanage. My Dad married my Mom after that promised he would raise them till they graduated high school. The boys were raised with us and our my half brothers. Whether Mom quit Avro after the war or had to because my Dad was her superior I don't know. She was an inspector also. Dad didn't like having a wife that worked. I know that, and he never let her get a job. I believe they worked on a machine gun also.

We lived in the country just outside of Cooksville Ont. And in our immediate area there were two other men who worked with Dad. Walter Boulder and Roy Harper. Walt and Dad commuted together. I remember after the war my parents had outdoor summer parties with these guys and they stayed friends for years. Roy ended up working for Toronto Township and later Region of Peel, Walt stayed at Avro. I don't know in what capacity though.

My Mother's brother worked on the Lancaster also. His name was Graham Croxon but didn't work on the Arrow.

I will talk to my cousins to see if I can get you further info on my Uncle Garn He died last summer age 97 and was a great guy. My Dad died the summer of 1970 and my Mom died summer of 2005 age 90.

When they were restoring the Lancaster she helped raise funds for that project.

Another man you might look at for your list is Harley Drew, nicknamed Dick Drew. My Dad was his boss. My Dad talked him into quitting and he entered teachers college. He ended up being a sheet metal teacher at Central Peel Secondary School and retired teaching school in North Bay.

After my Dad had a stroke I lived with him so I could graduate grade ten. Great guy.



My Mom in centre and Uncle Garnham on right both worked on Lancaster. Pic taken approximately 1951 - left is Uncle Leslie (Les) Croxon. Sargent in the Canadian tank core Second World War. Fought in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy. Saw some terrible things and hardly ever talked about it. After he came back he suffered what we now call post traumatic syndrome. Died sometime in the 1970s.