

HAWKINS WORLDWIDE DNA Project

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What an unusual August in northeast Texas. A few days in the higher 90s, but a lot of days in the low 90s and upper 80s. I like warm better than cold, but not missing those 100s at all. We have had enough rain this year to maybe produce some fall colors in our trees.

We added three additional participants in August bringing the total to 29. Fifteen (15) distinct Hawkins lines have now been identified. I wonder how many we shall be working with a year from now? Hawkins and its derivations is a pre-1600 English name. I really hope that we can get some of our English cousins into the project soon.

From Family Tree DNA:

Last month, I asked in the newsletter about the oldest participant, and would like to thank all those who responded. It was quite amazing to find so many participants in their 90's and a few in their 100's, which is evidence of the willingness of the senior population to explore new technologies. The oldest participant reported was 103 when they took a DNA test, as part of the International Dalton Surname Project. The next oldest participant was 102, and a member of the Faux Surname Project.

If you have older relatives, especially if they are the last male in a branch, you may want to get their sample stored now, while you still have an opportunity...

Continuing from last month is a listing of some of the known ancestors of some of our participants. If you can identify with any of them you may want to contact me. Next month I'll list a few more.

- Jeffery & Dorothy (Mattock) Hawkins arriving with Penn on the *Welcome* in 1682.
- John Hawkins, b 1615. Father of Matthew that married Mary Parrish.
- James Farris Hawkins, b. mid 1800s & Charlotte.
- Peter Hawkins, b. 1745 in VA & Prudence Thomas
- Jeremiah Hawkins, b. about 1790 in VT & Mary Babcock

We are looking for a male Hawkins surnamed descendant of the Hawkins line of Matthew Hawkins (b. c1668) and Mary Parrish who were Maryland Quakers.

We have some folks that are interested in our project that do not feel they can afford the one time fee for the testing.

- Would some of our participants be willing to donate to a "project loan fund" to assist getting more folks into the project?
- Would some of you be interested in participating if you could pay the testing fee in four, or six, or 10, or whatever payments?
- How about after the loan is paid off, would you borrowers, then make a donation (say 10%) to increase the fund balance to help others in need of assistance?

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Re the Private/public setting that participants may select: This switch, by default, is set to private. A participant may change this to public by going to his Personal Page, and clicking on Update Contact Information. Near the bottom of the new page you will see - "**Private** Restrict match notifications to your surname project." If there is a check in the box your data is being compared only to the Hawkins participants. If you uncheck the box, then you will be compared to all the "Public" participants in the Family Tree DNA data bank. If you change to public, you are going to see more matches. I caution that 12/12 matches to a surname other than Hawkins is probably of no significance in our highly populated R1b haplogroup, however, if you show a 23/25 match (or higher) with a different surname, you probably should correspond with that individual. There might be a case of one of the ancestors being adopted or the result of a non-wedlock birth.

The following, a message copied from GENEALOGY-DNA-L, highlights the preceding.

"Max [Family Tree DNA] said that 66% of records have this flag checked, so that a search for matches can only view 1/3 of the database. The flag is set to Private by default, and I can't help but wonder if people realize the significance of this setting. (Unchecking doesn't mean that your results become "public" in the sense that anyone can see your record. It means that your record will be included when the whole database is searched for matches.) Ann Turner GENEALOGY-DNA-L Administrator

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Please upload your information to Ysearch if you have not already done so (some Hawkins members have not done this). Doing this will not compromise any security that you desire to maintain. Family Tree DNA participants: Go to your Personal Page and simply click Upload, to automatically upload your Y-DNA results to Ysearch. If you then upgrade your Y-DNA test, such as from 25 Markers to 37 Markers, the Upload selection will reappear on your Personal Page, as a reminder to upload the additional Markers.

Also at Ysearch, http://www.ysearch.org/edit_start.asp

Ysearch has been enhanced so that the location for your most distant male ancestor can be entered using latitude and longitude coordinates. It is important to update your Ysearch record with this information. For Europe, the latitude and longitude coordinates will give your ancestor a pin on the HaploMap.

Please take a moment now and add this information. Follow the directions at Ysearch, which include a link to a site to look up the latitude and longitude coordinates.

Also, you may now upload your family file (.ged).

If you tested with Family Tree DNA, but have not yet established a record at Ysearch.org, go to your Personal Page, and click "Upload to Ysearch."

If you tested at another vendor, here is the link to first create a record for your result at Ysearch.org: http://www.ysearch.org/add_start.asp

If you are not receiving Facts & Genes, Family Tree DNA's e-mail newsletter, you can receive a free subscription: <http://www.familytreeDNA.com/fgregister.asp>

General information on all the Surname Projects can be found at www.familytreedna.com. Any readers that have unanswered questions please feel free to contact me with them. I'll do my best to respond in a language that means something to you.

Are you having a Hawkins Reunion this year? Consider collecting donations to have some of the most distant cousins in your group tested. Hopefully you have the perfect paper records, but the mutations that occur in the separate lines need to be identified now for succeeding generations. Think about it.

-----Old Stuff-----

- "R1b (most of the Hawkins lines) is just too common to settle for a 12 marker test. You'd do well to advise anyone expected to match this first result to start with the 25 (or 37) marker test and save time and (a little) money."
- If you maintain a web site with Hawkins information, please add a link to our Hawkins DNA Project.
- Please advise us of any planned Hawkins reunions. We would like to list them indicating the patriarch, place, dates, and any other special information.
- If you know someone that would like to be on the project information mailing list, please send me their name and email and I'll add them. Anyone that desires not to be on the list should request removal.

Feel free to copy this letter to anyone that you feel would have an interest.