



HAWKINS WORLDWIDE DNA Project

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Over the past couple of weeks I have spent quite a lot of time adding trees and pictures to the history section of our web site, and I have quite a lot of additional information to add in the next weeks. You can check this out by clicking on [trees](#) at the home page, or going directly to http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html. Participants please check (test) the facts and selections in your area to insure they are correct and that everything works.

I am very optimistic for our HAWKINS project as we start this new year, and I want to emphasize the OUR in project. Each and every one of us are volunteers working in what we believe to be a very important undertaking. We do not know exactly where we are trending, but we may be assured that through the coming years it will be of historical significance. I want to thank each of you that have contributed the mouth swab for analysis, and I predict that those that are stored at the University of Arizona for 25 years will at some future date be of high value to your family line.

And, the project is not just a male project (the testee must be male because we are using the Y-chromosome passed only from the father to his sons), but a family project. A lot of thanks must go to you ladies that have donated your time to your family history and have located and convinced some of our males to contribute for that history. And, let's not forget the family members that have contributed to the testing expense of your participants. **Thank you!**

I would like to request a donation from some of you to the project. Perhaps you are not participating, and though feeling quite positive in your research would like to help us. The single most important item in our study is numbers.

NUMBERS, that is a large database of participants is what will make it possible for all of us to tie together our individuals into their family lines. Your donation of a participant will cost approximately \$175 at one of the testing companies for a 25-marker test (that's a bit more than \$15 if 10 in the family contribute toward the testing). Please, won't you consider helping us with the donation of a participant from your line?

If you just cannot spend more than \$99 for the 12-marker test do it. At least the sample is in the refrig for 25 years.

The following is an email copied from the genealogy-DNA site (see later paragraph for URL) that relates to the preceding paragraph:

"Donate your DNA to our project.

"xxxx MacKenzie wrote: I have no need to turn to DNA as I know my ancestors here in Scotland. However, I do dabble in genealogy and history..

"xxxx, you and other MacKenzies/McKenzies like you, are exactly the people that are needed by the MacKenzie/McKenzie DNA Project - people with known and provable genealogies in Scotland.

"You know your MacKenzie history in Scotland, but other MacKenzies/McKenzies are not so fortunate - if your DNA was available for comparison it would provide an invaluable service to others. Some might find that their DNA is a close match to yours - your written genealogy could then guide them in their search for their ancestors - conversely, a mismatch will let them know that they need to look elsewhere, and they can stop hoping for a connection to someone mentioned in the "History of the MacKenzies" by Alexander Mackenzie or the Findon Tables."

"I hope you will consider joining the project."

Are you **REALLY** sure about your paper trail. We again have a recent participant that had gotten off on a wrong trail during his research. His testing results were very positive in indicating that he belonged in one of our established family groups. The group is now working with him, and believes they have found the place that he connects to the group tree. They have sent for archive material that they believe will provide paper proof for the connection.

My father had started researching our line in the 1930s, and had traced it back to Philemon Hawkins, but it turned out that he was not correct. We had many Amos in our line and he had followed the wrong one (an Amos in another line). In the 1950s the error was discovered, and corrected with the true line that now extends back to Jeffery (married Dorothy in 1642). I do not know of many males that claim to connect with our line, but the ones that I am aware of lack the paper proof of a connection. It would be so simple for them to establish our relation through the use of DNA testing.

One male in our line, that we knew (paper) was a cousin from an ancestor back nine generations, is a participant and we are matched in Group 04.

The following is from an administrators email on the www.genealogy-DNA-L@rootsweb.com:

"When I opened my email early this morning I found a plea from a long time correspondent:

"Dear John,

"My father is very seriously ill and is not expected to live. He has agreed to participate in the JARMAN/GERMAN DNA study. Could you possibly rush a DNA kit here for him?"

"[Only another genealogist could appreciate our strange priorities at the worst of times.]

"I placed an order for them with the testing company and then forwarded the letter to Bennett Greenspan. True to his reputation for service, he is sending the swabs to them overnight. THANKS Bennett!!

"He also added some info in his reply that if not new to this list was certainly new to me, and I thought worth sharing: "If he passes away the mortician can collect cells using our scraper from the inside of his mouth. They are very good at collecting samples from what we have seen over the years."

The counter on our web site has passed 4200 since its inauguration in August of 2003, and the hits are increasing as we grow. We have to date identified 19 distinct Hawkins lines. FTDNA, as of 17 January, shows 1,500 surname studies now in progress, and they have more than 28,000 records in their database.

From [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](http://eogn.typepad.com/) <http://eogn.typepad.com/> January 19, 2005

Bennett Greenspan Interview: DNA Testing crosses paths with Genealogy

Bennett Greenspan is the CEO of Family Tree DNA, one of the leading DNA firms that specializes in genealogy applications. He was recently interviewed by the Houston Chronicle newspaper.

The newspaper's report tells how Greenspan spent years looking for the ancestors of his maternal great-grandfather who was born in Argentina. After hearing about new genetic testing at the University of Arizona, he persuaded a scientist there to test DNA samples from a known cousin in California and a suspected distant cousin in Buenos Aires. It was a match.

From that experience, Bennett Greenspan decided to offer a service for genealogists to help them accomplish what he was able to do although at a lower price than what he paid.

You can read the interview on the Houston Chronicle web site at <http://www.chron.com/cs/CDA/ssistory.mpl/business/2996768>

To join the project HAWKINS, go to http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.asp?code=Z47192, where you will receive a discount to the regular test price.

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- "R1b (most of the Hawkins lines) is just too common to settle for a 12 marker test. You'd do well to start with the 25 (or 37) marker test and save time and (a little) money."
- Testing costs with U.S. companies are falling for non-US residents. With the dollar falling in value as related to other currencies, the cost to interested Hawkins in the U.K., Australia, N.Z., etc. has come down considerably in the past six months. Hopefully this will provide some additional encouragement to those in other parts of the world to join our project. After all, it is the Hawkins WORLDWIDE project, and **NOW** seems a good time.
- 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. 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.
- 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.

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Administrator (No remuneration received for this endeavor.)

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