



HAWKINS WORLDWIDE DNA Project
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If you are not receiving this newsletter with pictures, then I do not have you on the mailing list. This newsletter (with pictures) is posted to our website, where the past six issues are maintained. To view, go to <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/index.html#Newsletter>.

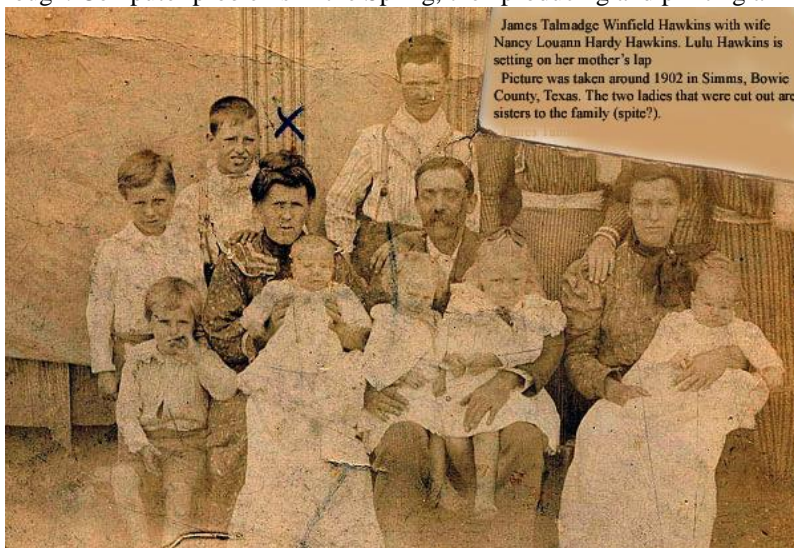


Several Hawkins families, all descendants of Samuel Hawkins, b 1787 (Ancestors of Group 3 of the Hawkins DNA Project) were taken in the Oklahoma Indian Territory, in about 1897. These families had all traveled to the Territory together on a wagon train from Mississippi. Picture recently added to the project Family Pages.

Finally, for the past three days, I have been playing catch up with the DNA project. Adding pictures, updating files, and making some corrections - still a lot to do though. Computer problems in the Spring, then producing and printing a large picture history and directory for the church that takes the better part of a month, then we lost our mother early this month. She was born a Pumphrey, lived in Tipton County, Indiana, and would have been 96 in September. We shall miss her.

I plan to spend most of July getting everything up to date, and making a few changes. If you have any suggestions, please send them to me now. I would really appreciate your input. I feel that the #1 priority is simplicity. I want it to be easy for all to use, especially for those new to computers.

Project participants: I am requesting 2 photos from you. I would like to have a copy of your HS graduation picture (or that time frame), and a current picture, preferably of your whole family. The high school picture should be 2" (200 pixels) or more in width. Scan all pictures at 200 - 300 dpi.



“It is **EXCITING** to finally have a match after all this time” (an email from a member of one of our new family groups). Yes, I remember the feeling. Now, if I could just get some of those other folks, that believe they are cousins of mine to prove it. C'm on Y'all.

Also, three members of our Family Group-01 have a 12/12 match with our first British participant. We hope that an upgrade to 25 or 37 markers for that individual will soon prove that their lines match without doubt.

We now have 47 participants in our project, and have identified 24 distinct Hawkins lines. If you have been thinking about joining with us, please do so now. We need **YOU!**

By participating in our Y-DNA Project, or sponsoring a participant if you are female, you are making a significant contribution to the knowledge about our Hawkins surname. Even when your tree ends, you can still discover information about your origin. Please give some serious thought as to how you can contribute to this meaningful project.

Family Tree DNA now has more than 1,900 surname projects running with more than 35,000 records now in their database. To join our HAWKINS project, where you will receive a discount price, go to http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.asp?code=Z47192.

More on the Genographic Project: The National Geographic Society and IBM, with support from the Waitt Family Foundation, launched on April 13, 2005, a groundbreaking research initiative that will trace the migratory history of the human species. To date we have added three of their participants to our project. Their identification number is preceded by the letter “N.”

Family Tree DNA has added to the personal pages of all our project members a link that allows each to upload data to the Genographic Project. More information about it can be found under the tab "Genographic Project" at your personal page. We would like to encourage all members to join this fascinating project.

New members can participate in the Geneographic Project and our Hawkins Project at the same time using the same sample kit.

There are a number of companies doing DNA testing (DNA Heritage, Oxford Ancestor, Sorenson, etc.), and their results are similar to Family Tree DNA that has, I believe, the most participants. As the Hawkins DNA Project is sponsored by Family Tree, I am more familiar with their product. But I want to stress that our project is a Hawkins project, and anyone that tests or has tested with one of the other companies we want you to be a part of our project. There are no fees to join the project.

Family Tree DNA offers three Y-chromosome tests for our project: 12 Markers called Y-DNA12, 25 Markers called Y-DNA25, and 37 Markers called Y-DNA37. The decision regarding how many markers to test is a budget consideration. More Markers will provide more information when comparing your results to others whom you match or are a close match. More Markers will also shorten the estimated time frame to the common ancestor with those whom you match or are a close match.

You may initially start with 12 Markers or 25 Markers, and then later upgrade your test to 25 Markers or 37 Markers (each sample is maintained at the U. of Arizona for 25 years). Starting with 12 Markers and later upgrading is an excellent approach for those on a budget, or if you have only elderly males or only a few males in your family tree - to make sure you get a sample before it is too late.

The markers tested are in the section of the Y chromosome that is passed from father to son, typically unchanged. Since mutations in the allele values occur very slowly with time, one should see the same allele value for a male and his great-grandfather for example. Your result will match or be a close match to others to whom you are related and have a common ancestor. Since others will have the same test result, the Y DNA test result does not provide any information unique to you.

Questions? Contact me.

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

“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.” If you feel that you can afford only the 12-marker test at the current time, you can use it to confirm a non-relationship and to insure that a sample has been preserved. As the sample is maintained for 20 years, you could at a later time have additional markers tested.

Testing costs with U.S. companies have fallen for non-US residents. With the dollar having fallen 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

year. 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.

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 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. Please email me any questions that you might have.

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.



It has been only 52 years, and we still look much the same. We have two sons, and three grandchildren.

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