



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.

L to R in the Shop picture - Orville Thompson, Mr. Carlin, Edward Hawkins, Milton G. Hawkins, Glen Hawkins Bob Carlin, Madison Hawkins (Picture in mid 1920s, in Williamstown, Lewis Co., MO). Names supplied by Roswell T. Hawkins).

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104 degrees yesterday (28th), and dry. Fall came, but Summer stayed. All September has been in the high 90s and low 100s, the hottest September on record. To date this year I have recorded 18.5" of rain. Last year (a very

wet year) at this time I had recorded 48.35" of rain.

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We now have 57 participants in our project. We have identified 27 distinct Hawkins lines, and there are two individuals (in Texas) that probably will be our 8th family group. We are awaiting results on a number of our latest participants

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.

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Let's do a bit of reviewing (the following is from the Family Tree DNA website). What is TMRCA or MRCA?

Population geneticists are constantly focused on WHEN a connection most likely occurred between 2 individuals. This is expressed as t, or time to the Most Recent Common Ancestor, (MRCA), and the time to the MRCA is written as TMRCA. The TMRCA is always given as a number of years, or generations, but it is coupled with a probability, i.e. 50% of the time the MRCA would have lived X number of generations ago or less, or 80% of the time the MRCA would have lived Y number of years ago, or less.

It is a fallacy to attempt to tie TMRCA to a particular year, i.e. "I have an exact match, 12/12 therefore we have a connection that occurred 1675."

Dr. Bruce Walsh, University of Arizona, who serves on FTDNA's Advisory Board as our population geneticist consultant, supplies all of the information above. Please find a more in depth explanation on this subject directly from Dr. Bruce's page especially prepared for FTDNA customers at: <http://nitro.biosci.arizona.edu/ftdna/TMRCA.html>

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Looking at testing, I recommend the Y-DNA25 test (if you can afford the Y-DNA 37, do it). If you feel that you cannot afford that test, then go ahead with the Y-DNA12. It will tell you who you are NOT related with, will point to probably/maybe relationships, your DNA will be in the bank at the University of Arizona for the following 25 years, and using the bank you can upgrade at any time to the Y-DNA25, or 37. The Y-DNA37 is the most positive test, and it provides more information in filling in branches of the tree. Eventually you will want to upgrade to the 37.

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I think that we have grown to the point that we need Family Group Leaders to take over the coordination, development, maintenance, and communication of each of our Family Groups. To accomplish the goal of aligning all of the branches in each of our Hawkins lines, we are going to have to become more aggressive in our recruiting, and the research for merging each individual into a common tree.

The active involvement of each member is critical. The more that we are involved the more that we shall accomplish, and strong leadership is the key to any success story. I want, and I know that you want the Hawkins Project to be the best that it can possibly be.

All of our members have been very forward in their support, and as in all groups each of us bring different qualities and experience to the group. Leaders must utilize the knowledge within their group, and motivate successful actions. I need volunteers to lead this vitalization of our project. You can be the instigator and motivator for better promotion and recruiting, for better interfacing and sharing of information, and acting as a recognition point for important information. Please, each of you reading this, give serious consideration as to how you can contribute your time, knowledge, and enthusiasm. Maybe you do not have any one that can participate, but your interest in the research of one of our groups is significant; maybe you do not associate your family with any current group, and want to work within our project to establish your line; whatever it is time to re-organize a bit. I am interested in all your ideas, thoughts, and potential contributions. Talk to me.

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Family Tree DNA has more than 2200 surname projects running with more than 40,000 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](http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.asp?code=Z47192).

Questions? Contact me.

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

If you maintain a web site with Hawkins information, please add a link to our Hawkins DNA Project.

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.

"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.

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.



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

Seated in the Auburn touring car is my great-grandfather Jonas Elwood Hawkins with his wife Louisa, and some daughters and grand-daughters. The picture was taken in Tipton, Indiana, and the license plate is dated 1914.

Phil Hawkins 30 Sep 05  
Administrator  
(No remuneration received for this endeavor.)