



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) will be posted to our website, where the past six issues are maintained.



The picture right is one of our participants with his brother. Taken in Wink, Texas in 1929 or 30.

Left is Eual Lee Hawkins, 1927-1944. Picture taken shortly before he was killed in the WW II Normandy invasion.

Playing catch up after last months reunions. Temperatures in Texas during the month continued above normal, 80s, and dry, but cooler the last few days (50-60s). No rain in November, and we are more than a foot behind normal. We enjoyed a quiet Thanksgiving on the 24th with one of our two sons, and the next day put up the Christmas-Advent lights and decorations. For a change we were first in the neighborhood.

I am in the process of moving the marker tables for each family group to a location that starts the individual group's data area (e.g. see http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html#Group-01). I have changed them a bit, and hope they now give you a better conception of how the marker results relate to a family group. Project members - please review your table for correctness, and provide me with any missing information.

Project member #25339, a Brit living in London, with a 24/25 match is confirmed in Group-01. This is our first matching of one of our family groups to an individual in the group's "Mother Country."

We now have 58 participants in our project. We have to date formed eight Family groups, and identified 29 distinct Hawkins lines.

Family Tree DNA now has more than 2500 surname projects running with more than 48,800 records now in their database. To join our HAWKINS project go to http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.asp?code=Z47192 where you will receive our group discount price.

__From the "Welcome" by Bennett Greenspan: DNa conference 5 Nov (Isogg email)

"The Genographic Project, in effect, is a stamp of a recognition that there's a huge interest on the part of the general public to know more and more about our common history, and that's really what we're all looking at, because in the final analysis, if we go back far enough, we're all related. Having said that, as genealogists, what we're most interested is who we're related to, in my case, in the last two hundred years, in the case of the Bassetts, the last thousand years, in the case of all the rest of us, I'd imagine at somewhere in-between."

Re "A note from Phyllis," concerning her Augustine Hawkins, I am happy to report that one of our readers was able to provide helping information.

Another note that maybe some of you can help us with: "Great grandpa was Joshua Allen Hawkins, b. 1835 in AL according to TX census records - never found him tho, in AL. That is why I wanted to do the DNA test to hopefully find relatives." The same census records say that Joshua's parents were both born in AL. "(dad)...said there was an old rifle and he was told Joshua ... had used it in the Civil War, but the only Joshua Hawkins we can find in the Civil War was in Arkansas, not Alabama." The Joshua in AR was old enough to be Joshua Allen's father.



Repeat from last month (and the month before): 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.

Help!

Charles Kerchner has written an excellent report on why increasing the number of markers from 12 to 37 is very desired for participants in a surname project. He uses a zip+4 analogy to explain why more markers get us closer to our genetic family line home.

Here is a sample from his report. "My analogy, comparing a haplotype (set of numbers) to a zip code (set of numbers), is designed to demonstrate to a beginner to Genetic Genealogy how adding more and more specially selected markers in haplotype panels provides a clearer indication of the probability of a genealogical relevant recent relationship in Genetic Genealogy Surname Projects, let us use this example.

Charles Kerchner's 37 Marker Y-DNA Haplotype: 13 24 14 11 11 16 12 12 12 13 13 29 - 17 8 10 11 11 26 15 19 30 15 15 16 16 - 11 11 19 22 16 15 18 17 36 37 12 12

Charles Kerchner's Zip+Four Postal Address Zip Code: 1 8 0 4 9 - 1 5 4 4. For this analogy and example let us rewrite the zip+four as: 1 8 0 - 4 9 - 1 5 4 4

For the entire report see: <http://www.kerchner.com/zip+four-analogy.htm>. It is well written and easy to understand. I recommend it to all Hawkins Surname Y-DNA Project participants.

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.

Questions? Contact me at phil_hawkins@sbcglobal.net.

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

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.

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.

If you have fellow genealogists, friends, family members, or participants in a Surname Project who you think would enjoy receiving the FamilyTreeDNA monthly newsletter, send them the link below to register for a free subscription: <http://www.familytreeDNA.com/fgregister.asp>

"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.

I am left in this early 1942 WW II picture taken in Colorado. Dad, an artillery officer was at Camp Carson, Colorado Springs, where they would form the 71st Army Division.

Phil Hawkins 30 Nov 2005

Administrator (No remuneration received for this endeavor.)

