HAWKINS WORLDWIDE DNA Project Newsletter 2006-06



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This newsletter (with pictures) will be posted to our website, where past issues are maintained.

Today, as I write this letter, it is our 230th birthday, and I feel very grateful for the freedom that we enjoy. I am reminded that our freedom is by no means free (guess you have heard that before). In my lifetime I have witnessed WW II, the Korean War, the "Cold War," Vietnam, Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and the on going war on terrorism. There was the occupation of Panama, Grenada, and other instances not mentioned. I am not pessimistic in accepting that maintaining our freedom will become any less costly in the future. God Bless America, and you, and all of those that have made and will make the supreme sacrifice.



We have been to Indiana for a family reunion. It was a nice trip and we enjoyed visiting with my sister, and cousins. We spent a couple of days in Louisville, KY going, and a couple of days in Branson, MO returning. We toured the Patton Armor Museum late one afternoon, and I had the good fortune of having my picture taken

holding General Patton's Colt 45, Peacemaker. They were closing and I was in the back. As I passed the display of the pistol, they were removing it from the display case for overnight storage. We were talking about the pistol, and they took a picture of me holding it. Then I was allowed to follow them to the storage vault, where I saw hundreds of other weapons and artifacts. I had always been impressed with the fact that General Patton carried his own ivory handled pistol during WW II, and what a privilege to actually hold it. Patton had purchased the weapon in Texas in 1916, and it was first fired in the Mexican Border Campaign. The grips were custom Colt ivory grips, and the dealer from whom it

was purchased did the engraving. There are two marks inscribed on the grip by Patton for two Mexican bandits that he had killed. I would be happy to email you a copy of the inset pistol at a higher resolution for printing if you so desire.

We now have 81 participants. We have to date formed eleven (11) Family groups, and identified 34 distinct Hawkins lines. It appears that most of the new participant are now falling into one of our established family groups, or are matching a previously unmatched participant to form a new family group.

Family Tree DNA surname projects total 3,296, and they have more than 69,837 Y-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 the group discount price.

An appeal to other descendents of Jeffery, b. c1633 - d. before 11 Jan 1711/12, & Dorothy (Mattock) Hawkins: My, and my grandson, allele (repeats) count at (marker) Dys 439 is 14. No other Hawkins in the project has 14 repeats at that marker (all but one are 11 or 12). I am very curious as to when and with whom this mutation occurred. It has occurred in Jeffery's descendents at some point after 1747. Please, we need some other Hawkins surnamed males from this line (Family Group-04, http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree g-1.html#Group-04) to participate in the project.

From the Family Tree DNA web site, www.familytreedna.com.

23. What steps does Family Tree DNA take to keep my results confidential?

Your privacy is assured because the testing facility will not have access to your name. Only your unique number will accompany your collection tube to the testing lab. The computer-generated number is the

only information about you that the testing facility will see. Once your test has been completed, the results will be entered in a secure non-web-based database, and the lab will inform us of any matches between two coded numbers. The information placed in our Surnames Database Library will only display your last name on our web site. No specific information about you will be available at the web site.

24. What does the lab do with the actual DNA sample once the test is completed?

The DNA extracted from your sample is kept by the lab for a period of 25 years for your exclusive use. It is important to note that Family Tree DNA adopts a "double safety net" in regard to your sample: Arizona Research Labs at the campus of the University of Arizona keeps the DNA associated to a number and not a name, while Family Tree DNA offices keep the database with no access to the actual sample.

Questions? Contact me at phil hawkins@sbcglobal.net.

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Go to http://www.familytreedna.com/tutorial A.html for a complete and understandable tutorial on the testing of Y-DNA and mtDNA, simple explanations of genes, markers or alleles, and duties normally performed by the administrator.

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 Hawkins 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.



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. Maybe you have the perfect paper records, but the mutations that occur in the separate lines need to be identified now for succeeding generations.

The newsletter is available in Word.doc or Adobe.pdf. Feel free to copy this letter to anyone that you feel would have an interest.

William F. Hawkins, a descendant of Robert & Ann (Preble) Hawkins, with the first TV in Pampa, Texas (1940s). Do you have a picture that would be of interest to our readers?

Phil Hawkins 3o June 2006 Administrator [No remuneration received]