

HAWKINS WORLDWIDE DNA Project

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Project site: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/>.

Family pages: http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html

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



Charles D. Hawkins, 1909 - 1992, is center back row with saxophone, c1929.

If you have a Hawkins picture that you think others would be interested in seeing, especially if it has a story to go with it, please email me a copy.

I have updated a few of the allele charts on the Family Page site to show all 67 Dys results. This makes for a larger chart for those that have opted for the Y-67 test and they will have to tab to see the results for the additional 30. The first 37 and the earliest ancestor should still be visible on a single screen for every one else. We have 5 participants that have the results back from upgrading to 67 markers.

Can one of you help Philip past his brick wall? *"I am still looking for descendants of Strother Moses Hawkins or his Brother Andrew Bird Hawkins. I would like to sponsor this person in the DNA research. My brother and I are Hawkins's through our maternal side, therefore we aren't any good on the test. John Philip Adams, jadams957@houston.rr.com"*

What's in a name? No I am not referring to a Shakespearian quotation, I mean our Hawkins surname. There was a conversation on the ICOGG list where the gist was dealing with DNA results not matching with your known surname line, meaning that one of your male ancestors was not a Hawkins (or was, in the case you have a different surname). The implication being, how do we as administrators best handle this question of "legitimacy" (be it an unknown or recorded adoption, or a birth out of wedlock, etc.).

The input ranged from removing participants from a particular surname project, through just not listing them, to including them (as we do). The best response, in my mind, was that when the situation occurred, then it was as simple as the fact that a new line within the surname had been created. And it got me to thinking (I do that a lot).

After all, how did we wind up with surnames in the beginning? The answer is that sometime, probably in the 1200s through the 1400s, our newly surnamed male ancestor chose to be a Hawkins because he loved the sport of falconry (or whatever). It is quite likely that an uncle was a great hunter and chose Hunter, and maybe a brother chose to call himself a Salisbury since he lived in that town, or maybe a Somerset after his Shire of birth. In this case this Salisbury line, the Hawkins line, and the Hunter line are branches of the same tree, the same lineage.

We have some of our Hawkins lines that were sired by gentlemen of other surnames, and we have Hawkins project participants that have other surnames but are members of one of our established Hawkins DNA lines. For my viewpoint they are Hawkins's, from the moment they were named a Hawkins, or the moment they identified with one of our specific haplotype. I think it is kind of neat to think that you can be associated with two (or more) surnames, and certainly if we could identify our personal male ancestor from 10,000 years in the past, we would have cousins with many, many different present day surnames.

We now have 83 participants. Eleven (11) Family groups have been formed and are sharing knowledge. To date 37 distinct Hawkins lines have been identified. With so many distinct lines it is no wonder that so many of us run into those brick walls. Thank goodness that we now have the DNA tool to help find our way out of the maze and onto the correct path. Hopefully most of the new participants will be falling into one of our established family groups, or matching a previously unmatched participant to form a new family group.

And **Hallelujah!** I have just had a 25/25 match with a new participant that traces his Elisha Hawkins branch to SC where my family group was from c 1750 to 1804. For the first time I got to feel how exciting it is to find a new connection. You can count on hearing more about this in the next newsletter.

The Mayflower Quarterly, June 2006, has several articles about DNA. One is about the recent acceptance into their society of a previously declined individual. That acceptance was based on a DNA match made in the Hawes DNA study, with FTDNA. The article, *DNA and Lineages*, was written by Ann S. Lainhart, Historian General, General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

"The 121st Hawkins Reunion is 11 September 2006 at Firestone Park, Columbinia, Ohio, Duck Pond Pavilion #4, 1:PM - Bring a covered dish. Lemonade will be provided." [Hawkins Family Group-08, see at http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html#Group-08]

Are there more reunions out there that we can list?

Family Tree DNA surname projects total 3,350, and they have more than 72,300 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.

Family Group Coordinators, please look over your portion of the Family Pages regularly, and report any irregularities. The project is big enough that I am sometimes missing a correction, change, or update that should have been made much earlier.

Project members; please review your pages regularly. And if you do not yet have a group coordinator, think about taking on the job. You'll find its fun and coordinators are needed to focus the groups research and sharing.

All past newsletters with pictures have been added to our project web site at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/#Newsletter>.

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.

Left is James Mont Hawkins, 1892 - 1977, Tipton County, Indiana. I would guess the auto is an Auburn (the license plate reads 1915).

Phil Hawkins 31 July 2006 Administrator
[No remuneration received]