

# 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](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html)

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The new Boy Scout is my uncle Larry. Picture taken circa 1936. 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 us a copy.

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In a previous newsletter I had asked, "Do any of you use *Dragon Naturally Speaking*? Then I purchased the software, and it does work. I have been using it for a bit over a month, and I like it. It is saving me time in annotating my picture files. As far as I can tell it works with any Windows program. Just speak, and it opens a program, does the typing, closes the program, whatever.

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Our Hawkins Project has 116 participants, and to date we have identified 46 different and unrelated Hawkins lines. And I'll bet that you have noticed that your Hawkins ancestors are all named John or James, and of course, they all lived in Virginia and/or the Carolinas at one time. Thank heaven for little door openers like DNA.



If you are a Hawkins male and have not yet joined our project, please - give it some serious consideration. The donation of your DNA for the benefit of your descendants (and the descendants of your cousins), might very well turn out to be one of the most generous things that you have ever done. Think 2099 A.D.

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It has been suggested that we should start a special effort within our Hawkins Project to determine the correct alleles for the Hawkins line that would positively relate to **Sir John Hawkins**, b. Plymouth, England, 1632, d. Caribbean Sea 1595, British admiral, and slave trader. Certainly we should do this. It does mean that we must have individual participants that believe or have been told that they relate somehow to Sir John.



You can help if you are a:

- Male Hawkins descendants of Philemon Hawkins, born 1690 in England and died 1725 in Virginia, married Ann Eleanor Howard (this Philemon was insistent of his descent from Admiral Sir John HAWKYNS, the renowned (or reviled) Commander against the Spanish Armada).
- Male Hawkins in the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, etc. that believe they might be descended from Sir John's or his brother's lines.
- Male Hawkins in the US that have been told that they descend from that line.

We need a number of participants from around the world to make this special *Sir John Project* work. Please, please help us.

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I believe that DNA will eventually show that large numbers of the pedigrees in LDS records are incorrect. Any of us that have researched our family history and searched LDS records know that they cannot be taken as Gospel. There are many errors in the info submitted to them, and as far as I know, those errors seldom get corrected. Without being DNA tested, none of us can be sure of our heritage. NPEs (Non-Paternal Events) do happen, in all social groups. Adoptions (into other families or of surnames) or infidelity (forced or consented) can and do happen.

Yes, positive paper trails are very meaningful, but they may be missing the knowledge that your ancestor was taken in from a neighbor's family when Indians killed his parents, or that his surname was changed when his mother

remarried, or maybe a daughter had a child, out of wedlock, and he was named with her family surname. Even legal adoptions, can be obscured over time as knowledge and paperwork get lost.

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Separating Pages in Old Documents by Jennie Vertrees, Princeton, Missouri.

I just wanted to share with you how to separate pages in fragile documents that are stuck together. A few years ago, I was granted permission by the state archives department in Jefferson City, Missouri, to hand copy some of the pages from the original 1880 census for Mercer County, Missouri.

I ran into some pages that were so tightly stuck together that I couldn't get them apart short of tearing them, which I didn't want to. So I asked the person in charge of these old documents if she knew how to get them apart without damaging them. She took a sheet of acid-free paper and "see-sawed" it gently between the two sheets of the document; they came apart without much effort. She stated that the sheet of paper had to be acid-free or it wouldn't work. I've tried it since then and it has worked every time for me.

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Many individuals engage in scrapbooking as a part of displaying and preserving family history documents. If you are among that number, the official website of the Scrapbook Preservation Society might be worth a look.

<[www.scrapbookpreservationsociety.com/](http://www.scrapbookpreservationsociety.com/)> The mission of this organization is "to collect, review, organize, and distribute science-based preservation information to the scrapbook community through the publication of preservation guidelines, informational articles, and technical papers, and through the presentation of educational programs." The articles and links are well done and useful.

To subscribe to "Genealogy Gems," simply use your browser to go to the website: [www.GenealogyCenter.Info](http://www.GenealogyCenter.Info).

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If you maintain a website that relates to any of our Hawkins DNA lines, please advise, and I'll list it on our site.

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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.

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

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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 (and just maybe your paper records are not as solid as you assume).

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If you have tested with someone other than Family Tree DNA please contact me about also participating in our Hawkins Project.

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A picture of my grandmother Edna, (Spaulding) Hawkins, 1891-1972, picture circa 1899.

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