

HAWKINS WORLDWIDE DNA Project

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

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My father, Harold, graduated from Purdue in 1932 with a degree in mechanical engineering. It was the depression, and he was fortunate in getting on at the local small town post office at \$13.50 per week. I came along in 1933 and early in 1934 he was working the huckster wagon for the local grocery store (for you that don't know, the huckster wagon came around to your farm every week on a schedule). Grandma could buy sugar, beans, syrup, etc. to tide her over until Saturday night. I personally preferred the penny candy. In September 1934 Dad went to work as a "Layout Draftsman" for International Harvester at \$30 per week. Wouldn't buy many groceries today.

If you have a new address please advise me. Mail is being returned "Due to extended inactivity new mail is not currently being accepted for these mailboxes: 1stcav70@earthlink.net, ph52@earthlink.net, Berkfield2@aol.com, baxllo@aim.com, jeanbryant@cox-internet.com, tom1g1lowe@earthlink.net.

I have added a Search/Find function to the Family Pages at:

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

With this newsletter I am adding input from the Coordinators of our different Hawkins Family Groups. I am hopeful that we can run an article from each of the groups in the future. At this time, we still need coordinators for Family Groups 02, 04, 09, 11, 12, 14, and 15.

Input from Family Group-03, Their family pages are found at

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html#Group-03.

A brick Wall is **Dennis Hawkins** 1794-1884. He said he was born in Georgia, his father born in Virginia and his mother in South Carolina. I suspect his father was an Edward but don't know for sure. Also some of who we think are Dennis' siblings and including Dennis named one of their daughters Mary E. Which might be clue to his mothers name, but Dennis also married Mary McDonald Causey, so here again, I don't know.



Pictured left are Sarah & Daniel. **Daniel Young Hawkins** (the son of **Dennis & Mary Hawkins**) married Sarah Marinda Cornelius, (the daughter of Zion and Elizabeth Hawkins) on April 12, 1866 in Blount County, Alabama. Dan and Sarah (she was called Rindy) had seven daughters

and 2 sons. Pictured right is **Dennis Hawkins**, also a son of Dennis & Mary Hawkins and brother to Daniel. We suspect Indian blood in the family, but don't know for sure.





Left are daughters of **Daniel and Sarah "Rindy" Hawkins**, Front row on the left is my great grandmother Joanna "Annie" Hawkins Warren Everett. Annie first married to my great grandfather Mark Warren who died at the age of 30. She then married William Everett.

Vance Hawkins, living in Oklahoma, is also related to our Hawkins Family Group-03. He has prepared an article on his line, starting with his great grandparents **Joshua Allen Hawkins** (1837 - 1892) and Maryann E. (Byrum) (1849 - 1923). I have added it as an addendum at the end of the letter.

Substitute Hawkins for Renshaw

Within the DNA community we may hear people say, "The DNA shows we are not related." I have been guilty of this also, although I should know better. A more correct statement might be something along these lines: "Y-DNA testing shows we are not related in the paternal line."

I am administrator for the Renshaw project among others. Although I am in the U.S. I have done quite a bit of research in online U.K. records. Many Renshaw families in the early Victoria era lived on farms. The fathers were "Ag Labs", agricultural laborers. In families of ten to twelve children occasionally one of the daughters did not marry the father(s) of her children. These children were usually given her Renshaw surname as was the custom of the time.

Some of the illegitimate sons with the Renshaw surname chose to emigrate when they reached manhood. When we test a descendant of one of these sons, his Y-DNA does not match any other Renshaw in the U.S. Does this mean these Renshaws are not related? No, it just means they are not related through the paternal line. They may nonetheless share a common male ancestor.

Eleanor Gordon Admin Renshaw, Jester, Goldsholl, Everall Y-DNA Projects [Permission to reprint.]

Our Hawkins Project has 115 Y participants, and to date we have identified 50 different and unrelated Hawkins Y (male) 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 descendents might very well turn out to be one of the most generous things that you have ever done. Think 2099 A.D.

A little girl asked her mother, 'How did the human race appear?'

The mother answered, 'God made Adam and Eve and they had children and so was all mankind made.'

Two days later the girl asked her father the same question.

The father answered, 'Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved.'

The confused girl returned to her mother and said, 'Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Dad said they developed from monkeys?'

The mother answered, 'Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his.'

Author unknown.

Posting from [HAWKINS], "I have created a web site about my Franklin/Berry/Hawkins Family and would like to share it with other researchers of this line. My Grand parents were Ethel I. Hawkins and John H. Franklin, the Hawkins line is mostly from St. Clair Co. Alabama."

<http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.hawkins/5109/mb.ashx>.

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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.

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

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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The first thing I remember about my Hawkins ancestors was something my father (**Alpha Omega Hawkins**, born on a farm near Manitou, Tillman County, Oklahoma on Aug 15, 1915 (his grandma Richey was a midwife and delivered him), and died on Oct 25, 1992, in Altus, Oklahoma) said. He told me that once when he was a child they made a trip from Southwestern Oklahoma to visit his grandma Hawkins (maiden name Maryanne Elizabeth Byrum, born Bertie County, North Carolina, 1849, dying Falls Co., Tx 1923). Dad said during that visit that his grandma was a "great big red-headed woman." Now dad also said Tarlton Bull, his great aunt's husband on the Brown/Richey side, "was a great big man, nearly 7 feet tall." Well I found Tarlton's application for a Civil War pension (he applied in both Texas which denied him, and later after statehood in 1907, in Oklahoma which accepted his application), and it said Tarlton, who fought in Texas, Indian Territory, and Arkansas, was merely five feet eight inches tall. So when dad was a child his memory might have made things "bigger than life", so maybe his grandma wasn't as big as he later recalled. He also said there was an old rifle in the house and this apparently was very interesting to my father, as he spoke of it many times. He said his grandma told him her husband, my great grandpa, **Joshua Allen Hawkins** (per census records in 1860 and 1880, born in Alabama 1835 or 1837 depending on which census, dying Jan 8, 1892, Milam County, Texas), had used it in the Civil War. Now in 1860 Joshua is on the Robertson County, Texas census as a "laborer" living with a Moss family. Interestingly, there is also a young man named "**Caleb Hawkins**" also listed on that 1860 census in Robertson County, Texas 1860 census. Since Jacob and Caleb were "Bible buddies" I wonder if they are related? They are the right age to have been brothers.

Well, the next I recall hearing about the Hawkins's I am related to was years later. Online I have met (and later lost contact with) several descendants of some of my grandpa Hawkins brothers and sisters. Oh first there was one other story I recall Dad telling. Now Dad grew up during the Dust Bowl in Southwestern Oklahoma and it left a lasting mark on him, and he always had many stories about that era. His Hawkins Uncle's were always coming up from Texas and they'd spend weeks, sometimes months, living with them, and while doing so, helping with the farm work. On one such visit, I remember on one of Dad's stories (and he had more old stories than I had time) his Uncle Eddie got sick, probably pneumonia, and he died. They had no money for a proper burial at a cemetery, so they buried him right there on the farm. I have since looked and seen that my grandpa **Noah Allen Hawkins** (b. Robertson Co., Tx 1877 died 1957 Eloy, Arizona) was in 1900 living in the household of his brother, Eddie, who was married with 2 or 3 children. So I have always hoped one day I'd be able to contact the descendants of his children and tell them the story that I was told, of how and where their ancestor, **Eddie Hawkins**, died. I know where that farm was located, but I don't know exactly where on the farm that the grave is located though, and I am pretty sure it is not marked on any way. I don't know the year of his death either, probably the 1930s.

Dad's maternal grandma (Josey Brown/Richey 1851-1932) lived on a farm just a mile away, she was Indian/mixed and Dad used to tell of when he was a child he got a cut on his face and it got infected, and the whole side of his face swole up. Now he said even though alcohol was illegal, his grandma Richey had whiskey, and wouldn't let anyone touch it, saying it was "medicine". She always was hiding it. People from all over came to her for doctoring and she DID heal them. He said when his face swole up, she gave him a little of that "medicinal" whiskey, and they used a knife to cut a "backwards seven" on his cheek (and he always had the scar on his face) and she squeezed the "puss" out and infected goo out, then pressed the skin back together tight, put some medicine on it (they always used the word "poultice" -- I remember the words "mustard poultice" -- but I never really knew what that meant or what it consisted of. I don't know what she put on him that prevented it from getting re-infected. I know it must have been painful, but Dad never mentioned anything about that. I mention this as I suspect Uncle Eddie died after my great grandma

died, because she had a lot of medicinal knowledge and might have been able to have prevented him from dying. So it was probably after 1932 that he died on their farm. Oh, I do remember Mom telling me that once during WW2 when she was living with Dad's mother (Loney Richey/Hawkins 1883-1963) that Mom said he had to take Loney to the doctor, practically had to force her to go. Mom said it was the first time in her life that Loney (grandma) had ever seen a doctor. Mom said after she left the doctor's office her mother in law sort of scolded her and said "That man doesn't know what he's talking about." There is a photo of her on the Hawkins website under my family's story, with my Mom and Dad and 2 older sisters. I'm #36014.

I was about to start talking about some descendants of some of Noah's brother's and sister's that I ran into online. One said there was an old Bible that mentioned **Joshua Allen Hawkins** having brothers **John**, **William**, and **Thomas**, and a sister Mary. All were born in Alabama apparently. Since they are not on any census in Alabama, I have wondered if they might have had a small amount of Indian blood, and might have lived on Indian lands in the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nations on the Alabama/Mississippi border. I had pondered this also because Noah came between 1900 and 1904 into the Chickasaw Nation and married my grandma, Loney Richey (they married in 1904 Loco, present day southern Stephens County, Oklahoma -- proof a document in Lawton, Comanche County, Oklahoma. Apparently the actual document and records were lost, so later they went to Lawton's court house with witnesses, who said they knew they were married as they were present at the marriage ceremony, and other details were mentioned). Maybe they were Whites living on Indian lands. Here are a lot of Hawkins's who are Choctaw and Chickasaw and you know some of them "might be" related to some of us on the White side of the family, as well.

I have also looked for information about us all over the internet, and I believe I have exhausted everything that there is. Every so often I find something new. On one occasion I got lucky, regarding my Hawkins's.

One other bit of information I have since discovered. On 1850 census of Bertie County, North Carolina, I find my Byrum's, with 2 children, Maryann Elizabeth, a 5 month old baby, and a 2 year old brother Starky Byrum. Through internet search sites, I found descendants of Starky Byrum. Starky ALSO is found in Robertson County, Texas, and he married there also. Although neither his descendants nor his sister's (my relations) have found their parents in Texas. I suspect they (Edward b. @ 1826 and Mary Byrum b. @ 1823 per 1850 Bertie Co, NC census) did go to Texas also between 1850 and 1860. Before finding these Byrum's I had hoped that discovering where they came from might help us find where Josh and Maryann met, and maybe that would tell us which county in Alabama to research. So finding out they probably met in Texas was disappointing.

There is a BLM website and I discovered that in 1858, a "**Joshua A. Hawkins**" in what was then Fayette County, Alabama, but is now in Lamar County, that received a title to 80 acres of land. Now in 1860 he is in Robertson County, Texas, so sometime between 1858 and 1860 he moved to Texas. I wonder if he just sold the land, got a small sum of money for it, and took off for Texas. Maybe something bad happened and he just lost the land, I don't know. Anyhow, for the first time, I have a county or region of Alabama to look into further. This is the present state of my research, through traditional genealogical methods. Through genetic research, I have discovered we match 24 of 25 markers with group 3 of the Hawkins research group found at the website below. At that website, I am Vance Hawkins, #36014.

Family Group-03 http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html.

My coming Hawkins research ideas include I.] Checking the Chickasaw/Choctaw Hawkins's to see which Hawkins families gave birth to the Indian Hawkins's. Since I can't find mine on census records, and Indian lands were NOT on census records, I was wondering if/when some White Hawkins's

moved onto Indian lands on the Mississippi/Alabama border, before the Indian lands were confiscated and the Indians removed in the 1830s. Perhaps the same White Hawkins's that gave birth to the Indian Hawkins's had White relations that did NOT assimilate with the Indians, but rather moved back onto private lands. ii.] I need to check records in Lamar/Fayette County, Alabama, especially before @ 1858. Since we are not listed on census records there is another possibility -- the census taker didn't go down their street/farm/road. Maybe they lived there, but they were just skipped over for some reason. iii.] Robertson Co., Tx -- maybe there is something down there that would provide more clues.

I know this is a long report, but I want some family stories to NEVER be forgotten and I am afraid many will be -- I have already forgotten a great many of the things Dad said. Maybe something I say will help others find a long lost relation. Maybe we can help each other. My tree is below, and it is found at the above website. You will also find several photographs of some of us at the above website. I will add little things here and there.

Oh, there is one more thing -- somehow after giving birth to 8 children, my grandparents split up. I recall hearing that grandpa came back several times but grandma wouldn't take him back -- I know absolutely NOTHING as to why. Anyhow, for years all I knew what that he died in Arizona. I looked it up, and after years of finding nothing at all, one day I got extremely lucky, and found an elderly lady in Arizona who apparently had time on her hands, and she searched, and found the grave and location where he was buried. God bless her. He died in Eloy, Arizona in Jan. 1957. She even went to the grave and took a photo of it for us.

1 William Hawkins

1. Mary Hawkins

1 John Hawkins

1 Thomas Hawkins

* The sister and brothers, above, of Joshua Allen were in Fayette/Lamar County, AL in 1858.

Probably they were born in AL. Their order of birth is not known.*

1 Joshua Allen Hawkins b: 1837 in AL d: 08 Jan 1892 in Cameron, Milam Co., TX

.. +Maryann E. Byrum b: Dec 1849 in Bertie Co., NC d: 23 Nov., 1923 in Rosebud, Falls Co., TX, buried in Parker Chapel Cemetery, Rosebud, Milam Co., Tx

...2 James August Hawkins b: 1868 in Robertson Co., Tx d: Wilson, TX

.....+ Elvira Elizabeth Rook (daughter of Henry G Rook & Elizabeth W Cole), b. @1873, Texas; d. 25 Jan 1946 Wilson, Tx

.....3. James A Hawkins Jr. b. @ 1897 in Texas

.....3. Orin S Hawkins b. @ 1900 in Texas

.....3. Bertha Hawkins b. @ 1903 in Texas

.....+ Frank Johnson b. @ 1901 in Texas, d. Garland, Texas

.....3. Marie Hawkins @ 1906 in Texas

.....3. William W Hawkins @ 1910 in Texas

.....3. Virginia Lee Hawkins b. 11 Jul 1912 in Waco, McClellan, Texas, USA

.....+ Abraham W Baker (parents Abraham White Baker and Minnie Coldwell), b. 8 Dec. 1913, Wilson, Tx, d. 4 Dec. 1982, Sutherland Springs, Wilson, Texas.

.....3. Virginia Lee Hawkins, b. 11 Jul 1912, Waco, McClellan, Texas, d. 25 Jul 2004, Sutherland Springs, Wilson, Texas

...2 William Edward "Eddie" Hawkins b: 1870 in TX - THIS is Dad's "Uncle Eddie" in the story I mentioned. I find him on 1900 census in Falls County, Tx and my grandpa, Noah Allen Hawkins, single, is living with him as a "brother" and a "laborer".

.....+ Callie Van Cleave

.....3. William Edgar Hawkins

.....3. L. B. Hawkins

.....3. Bena May Hawkins

...2 Charles Wesley Hawkins b: Aug 1871 in Tx

.....+ Ollie Datson
.....3. Infant Hawkins
...2 Henry Benjamin Hawkins b: 1874 in Tx
...2 Noah Allen Hawkins b: Dec 1877 in Falls Co., Tx d: 1957 in Eloy, AZ
... + Lona C. Richey m: 1904 in Chickasaw Nation, OK
.....3. Andrew Hoten Hawkins -- he inherited the family farm and it was on his farm that great uncle Eddie was buried
.....+ Katie Norrell
.....4. Billy Joe Hawkins -- moved to Dallas and settled there
.....4. Shirley Nell Hawkins -- moved to Dallas and settled there
.....3. Jesse Raymond Hawkins
.....+ Lucille Norrell -- Katie's sister -- Dad also had a funny story about the Norrell's
.....4. Tootsie Hawkins
.....4. Kenneth Wayne Hawkins -- Korean veteran
.....4. Neva Hawkins
.....4. Wanda Hawkins
.....4. Dale Hawkins (twins)
.....4. Gayle Hawkins (twins)
.....4. Douglas Hawkins -- served 20 years in the Air Force
.....3. Otho Cecil "O. C." Hawkins
.....+ Willie Unknown
.....4. Robert Hawkins
.....4. Sonny Hawkins -- Viet Nam Vet
.....4. Josie Hawkins
.....4. Glenna Hawkins
.....3. Joe Hawkins -- WW2 Vet
.....+ Louise Unknown
.....4. Joe Hawkins Jr.
.....3. Alpha Omega Hawkins b. 1915 - 1992
.....+ Elmyra Louise Plaster
.....4 Linda Hawkins
.....4 Carol Hawkins
.....4 **Participant #36014**
.....3. Lula Hawkins
.....+ Unknown
.....4 Juanita (Neetsie)
.....4. Peggy
.....4. H. J.
.....3. Lorena Hawkins
.....+ Allen Girrard -- WW2 Vet, met when he was stationed at Ft Sill -- my family was raised just a few miles from the fort.
.....3. Eual Lee Hawkins - killed July 18, 1944 in Normandy, France.
...2. Laura Gene Hawkins b: 1880 in TX
...2. Minnie Mary Hawkins b: 26 Apr 1884 in TX
.....+ John Cato
...2. Andrew Jackson "Jack" Hawkins b: May 1886 in Tx
...2. Cora Rose Hawkins b: Jan 13, 1890 in Tx
.....+ Fred Springer
...2. Dora Daisy Hawkins b: Jan 13, 1890, Branchville, Cameron Co., Tx; d. 9 Sep 1987 Jena, La Salle Parish, La. Buried 12 Sep 1987.
.....+ R. Ben Springer, b. Apr 1888 in Tx, d. 24 Jul 1950, Pineville, La., buried Eden Cemetery, Trout, La Salle Parish, La.