



HAWKINS WORLDWIDE DNA Project
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Family pages:

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

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Fly Your Flag - Join the Hawkins Worldwide DNA Project!

The Retail DNA Test Named the #1 Invention of 2008 by TIME Magazine in their latest issue (Family Tree DNA has been in the business since 2003, or maybe 2002).

Historic Airport Shuttles: Berlin's Tempelhof Airport, which became a hub of Western resolve against communism during the Berlin Airlift of 1948-49, closed yesterday, after 85 years of operations. The future of the site is uncertain, according to US and German press reports. Tempelhof, which opened in 1923, served as one of the main landing points for US and British aircraft bringing in the supplies that kept West Berlin's residents from starving and freezing during the Soviet blockade that started in June 1948 and ran into May 1949. That airlift remains the largest humanitarian air bridge in history.

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Can anyone help with this? “My mom was my dad’s second wife, and we had no contact with the Hawkins family after my father’s death in Sept 1949. My dad’s name was **Obadiah Hawkins** born 1891 in Henry County, Virginia (name has been spelled a variety of ways; he always went by “Obe”). His father was **Frank** born 1870 in Henry county Virginia. Dad had a brother born around 1900 named **Ike** also born in Henry County. All attempts at a family tree have been a dead end.

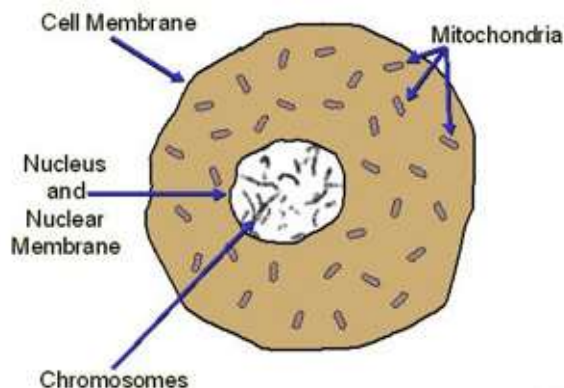
“My dad bought a farm in Stoneville, NC around 1935, that’s how we became North Carolinians vs. Virginians. Until my Dad and his brother left Virginia in 1935 to buy a farm in NC no one in the family line had ever left Virginia (that anyone knows of).

“I have a cousin named Ronald Hawkins, born in Leaksville NC in 1941. He had brothers named Frank and Robert born in the 30’s I think.”

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Reviewing cell, mtDNA, and DNA basics.

- 1) In cells, a gene is a portion of an organism's DNA
 - a) Each gene contains 23 pairs of chromosomes (a pair is made up of one from each parent).
 - i) 22 are autosomes (or combinents - an **autosome** is a non-sex chromosome, an ordinarily paired type of chromosome).
 - ii) One (1) is the sex chromosome from each parent (X only from the mother, X or Y from the father) (X + X = a daughter, X + Y = a son).



As the Y-Chromosome is inherited by a son from his father, it is that Chromosome that is tested in matching males to a particular paternal line. A chromosome contains sequences of repeating nucleotides (nucleotides are the structural units of RNA and DNA) known as short tandem repeats (STRs). The number

of repetitions varies from one family line to another and a particular number of repetitions is known as an [allele](#) of the marker. An STR on the Y chromosome is designated by a DYS number (DNA Y-chromosome Segment number). for example the allele of my DYS393 marker is 13. That means that sequence of nucleotides repeats 13 times.

The maternal line (daughter or son to mother to maternal grandmother) is determined by matching the mtDNA (mitochondria) of participants (mtDNA is passed from the mother to all her children, but is passed on only by the daughters).

To date, we have not placed any emphasis on mtDNA testing. Does anyone have an interest in starting something and acting as an mtDNA Coordinator within our Hawkins Project?

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Our Hawkins Project (with discounted prices) join site can be viewed at
http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.aspx?code=Z47192&special=False.

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Honoring Our Veterans by Curt B. Witcher
From the 31 Oct 2008 issue of *Genealogy Gems*, the Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center,
www.GenealogyCenter.Info.

"Every generation, the possibility . . ." Likely some of you have heard me use that phrase in relationship to the military engagements of this country and the records those engagements have generated. In a few days we will have another opportunity to take at least a few moments to honor our veterans, past and present. I would like to challenge you to "go tangible" this year in honoring our veterans. Truly honor our current veterans and our ancestors who were veterans by really doing something.

For veterans in your family today, take a few minutes to write them a note or a letter, or create a personal memento. In our technology-filled world of email, IM, text messaging, and social networks, hand-written letters or personally crafted mementos mean more than ever. And it certainly demonstrates you cared enough to take some time to do something out of the ordinary--it shows how deeply you care. Mementos can be as simple as taking a copy of an enlistment photograph or other personal document and mounting it on acid free scrapbook paper while "framing" it with red, white, and blue ribbon or sparkles--all things you can find in the scrapbooking section of discount stores, at online scrapbooking sites, and in scrapbooking outlet stores in nearly every community.

For those who do not have a living veteran in their immediate family, certainly you know someone in your neighborhood, at your church, or at work who has a veteran in their family. A note or card of thanks to them would mean more than you might think, as would a freshly baked pumpkin pie at their Thanksgiving dinner table. And the same kind of memento you could craft for a family member also might be crafted for a neighbor or friend's family member.

For those who may not yet know if they have an ancestor who served in the military but want to do something tangible, you can create a manageable preservation project that may only take an hour or so to do. Such a preservation project could be locating a small to modest-sized local cemetery. Grab your digital camera and walk through that cemetery taking a digital image of every military tombstone. It might be neat to take along a child or grandchild, pointing out the different wars, ranks, and other tombstone art and markers. It could be one of the most wonderful learning experiences of that young person's life. And in addition, you will have helped preserve that data for researchers to use.

Finally, as part of a plan to "go tangible," I am asking that everyone reading this ezine digitize a military document, a photograph of a soldier, or other military artifact in your collection and preserve it for future

generations of researchers by sending a digital copy to our Genealogy Center to post on the "Our Military Heritage" website <www.GenealogyCenter.Info/military/>. Since we launched that website in February of this year, more than twenty thousand images have been made available in various formats for researchers to use. We'd like to see that number grow as we strive to provide the maximum amount of free, useful data to assist those doing military history research as a part of their family history projects.

Before you send us the image, practice the "reporter's trade" of answering the questions of who, what, when, and where. Example: Samuel B. Franklin, service record cards, Civil War, served from New York; or, Arthur Jenkins, photograph, 1944, Fort Benning, GA. Send that descriptive information to us as well. If the image and associated data is less than one megabyte, you can send it to me as an email attachment. If it is a larger file, send me a disk at ACPL Genealogy Center, Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN, 46801-2270. And if you've walked that small to modest-sized cemetery with your child or grandchild, go ahead and send us a CD of the images you've captured with permission to post them online. Your entire family will be proud of the tangible effort you've made to honor our military--those who are serving now and those who sacrificed before them.

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A ISOGG email of 20 Oct: "I was so happy that my participant who went by the surname Probasco found his real family, the Babcocks. He was excited about finding who his biological family was and decided to join that surname study at FTDNA. He died a few months later but had at last found the answer to his quest. Now his children can continue the research. We have even had one person find out he was a Probasco by testing but he went by another surname. It is so exciting for them both and I was able to connect him to his biological Probasco family. Nora"

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If you maintain a web site with Hawkins information, please add a link to our Hawkins DNA Project. 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 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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A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life wrote *a blank check Made payable to 'The United States of America' for an amount of 'up to and including my life.'* That is Honor, and there are way too many people in This country who no longer understand it.

With Veterans Day quickly approaching may we all say Thank You, and say a prayer for all our men and women who have served, and are serving, our country so selflessly.

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Input from our Family Groups. The family pages are found at
http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html.

If you belong to one of our coordinated groups (01, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, or 10), please forward anything that you think would be of interest for our readers to your Coordinator. If you fall into one of the groups that we still need a coordinator for, then mail your print and pictures directly to me. This is your newsletter and we need your input. Try to keep it to a page, or a little more, each month (less is OK). If it is longer, consider breaking it into parts to run over two newsletters.

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Hawkins Family Group-01 (Marsha Moses):

I just received the news that kit #130445 is a 25 marker match to my dad (kit #8356). It is very exciting news for me. I actually recruited and paid for our new participant and hoped for a match. The new match has proven connection to Orange County, Virginia where my ancestors were living in the late 1700's and early 1800's. His ancestor was living there just before he moved to Madison County, Kentucky during the Revolution as did many of group #1's ancestors (most actually moved just after the Revolution). I don't think that it is a coincidence. I believe that these people influenced each other in the move to Kentucky in this time period. I don't know why my particular ancestor living in this time period did NOT move. They remained in Orange and Louisa County, Virginia until almost a century later when three brothers moved to Huntington, WV and to Georgia and to Mississippi to take railroad jobs.

After living in Madison County, Kentucky for long enough to leave records in that area, the family of our new participant moved to the area around White and Warren County, TN. where our new participant still lives. Marsha Moses

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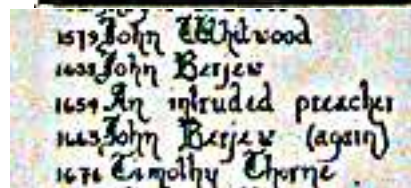
Hawkins Family Group-04 (My, your editor's, family group): Earliest known common ancestors are Jeffery and Dorothy (Mattock) Hawkins, emigrating from Wilts, England in 1682 to Bucks Co., PA.

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a picture
of the



listing of Rectors & Vicars at All Saints, the Parish of Norton Bavant, Wilts, England, with a blow up of the 1579 to 1674 time frame. The preacher marrying Jeffery & Dorothy in 1662 would have been "An intruded preacher," (John Berjew had been the Rector from 1634 to 1654, and then was returned in 1663).

Persis Wiltshire, a genealogical researcher in Wilts wrote me, "During the Civil War period/Commonwealth of 1640-1660 approximately, the established church became not the Church of England, but the Presbyterian or something like it. All priests were required to sign or take an oath to conduct the services in that mode. In some instances, the priest was replaced by a preacher of the new denomination, and he was later called an intruded preacher. The evicted priests were usually required to leave the village/town and live at least five miles away so that local loyalty did not affect the new preacher's grasp on the community



(email 28 Sep 2003).

I thought it might be interesting to construct a mapping of the migration of the various branches of our family tree. For example it would show Jeffery, Dorothy, and children from Wilts in England to PA; James II, Martha, and children continuing to VA, and then SC; their John (my line), Mary (Moore), and some of their children, on to OH and IN; John's ggg-grandson, my g-grandfather Jonas from Warren County, OH to Tipton County, IN: and it looks like me to TX and my brother to AZ. I would like to show this in our Family Group-04 section next month.

If you are a descendent of Jeffery & Dorothy, please send me your migration. The easiest, for both of us would be for you to send me a software file of your Hawkins line. Following is a simple way to create the file from your software program and attach to an email. Please, let's have a lot of participation.

If you are using FamilyTreeMaker select the eldest Hawkins ancestor for the "Family Page", under Reports select "Outline Descendant Tree," then at the top select "File". Under File select "Copy/Export Individuals in Outline Descendant Tree." This will copy to a file only the information on those individuals in the descent tree. The file can then be emailed to me as an attachment. If you are using different software, please send a ".ged" file. Contact me if you have any problems.

We need pictures and stories from each of our Hawkins Family Groups. You do not need to be a DNA participant to be a newsletter participant.