

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!



What a descriptive picture (I just had to copy it). Richard Russell, has been writing an economic newsletter since 1956. One of his phrases is on the mark in relation to the happenings of the past month or so. Remember, "In a primary bear market, everybody ultimately loses and the winner loses the least.". And now, back to Hawkins family histories.

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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I received the following message recently:

Dear Family Tree DNA Group Administrator,

In keeping with our end-of-the-year tradition, effective November 26th, 2008 we'll institute special pricing at Family Tree DNA for your new-kit-purchasing participants.

The products that will be offered at the special prices are:

Y-DNA37 [REDACTED]

Y-DNA37+mtDNAPlus [REDACTED]

Y-DNA67 [REDACTED] The savings here is \$131.

Y-DNA67+mtDNAPlus [REDACTED]

mtDNAPlus [REDACTED]

Full Genomic mtDNA [REDACTED]

SuperDNA [REDACTED]

You can view the prices that I have blacked-out at

https://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.aspx?code=Z47192&special=true.

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You do not have to be a participant to have Hawkins information published in this newsletter. If you have photos, facts, tales, ideas, anything that would be of interest to our Hawkins surname, please feel free to send it in to me. If your submission pertains to one of our identified Hawkins lines (groups), state which one. Scan photos at 300 dpi, and state the who/where/when/why (to the extent known).

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A Christmas wish - Would you print a half dozen copies of our newsletter this month and hand or mail them to any Hawkins surnamed individual that you know or can mail. Our project is only as effective as the numbers of people that we can connect with. I would truly appreciate your help in this way.

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What a Great idea. A Scrapbook History (*The Ancestry Weekly Journal*, Quick Tips.)

"After years of trinkets and tokens for Christmas from my children and grandchildren, I have now asked them to complete a scrapbook page of the highlights in their life for that year.

"Each year I get a page of events from them. But little do they know, that they are writing their own history. It's inexpensive and much more personal and means more to me than any "store-bought" gift.

"It keeps a log of events in their lives from year to year and someday I hope my great-grandchildren will enjoy them! " Clara Leib, Valparaiso, Indiana

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Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library , Genealogy Tip: By Mary Harrell-Sesniak, "Genealogy is not just a pastime, it's a passion."

Tagging Photographs

There is no universal standard for organizing photos, so most people develop their own methods. But one idea is to use Windows Vista to apply tags. (*Note: Windows XP does not have a tagging option, but you can add details and keywords to your photos.*) My husband's family originated from Poland, so I give items from his collection the "Poland" tag. And photos pertaining to specific surnames or locations receive the appropriate surname and location tags as well. It doesn't matter where images are stored; you can use "Search" or "Find" to locate them.

When you download pictures from your camera you'll be prompted to add tags, but you can always add them later if you chose not to then.

To add a tag to a photograph in Windows Vista, go to the image's properties, either by right-clicking the name of the photograph, or by finding Properties from the File or Organize menu. Then proceed to Tags under the Details tab. Click in the field and enter your tag. If that doesn't work, press F2 and you should be able to proceed. Select Apply when through. (If you use Windows XP, right-click the name of the photograph and click "Properties," then "Summary" to add some details and keywords.)

Add a tag to a picture in Windows Vista by going to the "Details" tab in the "Properties" box.

Add details to a picture in Windows XP by going to the "Summary" tab in the "Properties" box.

In addition to tags, there are a number of useful attributes you can modify. My favorites are the author's name and the date the picture was acquired, but you can also designate the date a photo was taken or a copyright. And if you are wondering what resolution an image was taken at, you can see this plus a number of additional details. Windows Help has detailed instructions on tags, which may give you more ideas.

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There was a good article in the Nov/Dec AARP magazine on DNA and genealogy entitled *Are You My Cousin?* by Richard Rubin. It covers how Bennett Greenspan was the first to start a DNA testing company specifically for genealogists, and that Family Tree has the largest database. I am sure that I read someplace that their database was larger than all the later testing companies combined.

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From Family Tree DNA's *Facts & Genes*, 24 Nov 2008

Case Study

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When I first tested, I had no matches with my surname, and a match with another surname. I was told that there was an event in the past, breaking the link of the Y chromosome and the surname - an illegitimacy.

Several years later, I now have matches with 3 other surnames, and no match with my surname. I am thoroughly confused. How can you explain this?

Recommendation

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A conclusion of an illegitimate event, or other events that can break the link between the Y chromosome and surname, such as adoption, infidelity, and name change, should only be made after significant research, and testing all or at least the majority of the family trees that exist for the surname.

A surname distribution map of your surname in the ancestral country shows approximately 150 origins for the surname. This is not unusual for an occupational surname.

In your Surname Project, there are only 15 different groups of results - representing approximately 10% of the possible results for the surname.

Most likely you will find a match with your surname as more people test.

Keep in mind that for any surname, some Y-DNA results will ramify, while others will have a smaller population. This may mean that the Surname Project has one large group who match and other smaller groups. This situation could also depend on where recruiting has taken place.

In addition, some Y-DNA results for the surname may not be represented in your country beyond your family tree, but may be found in the ancestral country or another destination country.

I realize that one of the surnames you match is found in the same county as your surname in the 1800s. This is not sufficient evidence that an event occurred, such as illegitimacy.

Unless there is documented evidence, and until a majority of the family trees for a surname and variants are tested, it is recommended that where a result has no matches yet with the surname, a conclusion is not made until sufficient testing occurs.

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From *The Ancestry Weekly Journal*, 01 December 2008, Quick Tips from Paula Stuart-Warren, CG

Browsing around a library is great way to become acquainted with it and possibly find some things you did not expect to find. I was searching through an extensive old card catalog and was told that there was "nothing in there for genealogy." I smiled and politely said I was just going to browse a bit. What did I find in this catalog? County histories, biographies, autobiographies, town and community histories, excerpts from diaries and journals, war history, maps, historical directories, histories of hereditary and occupational organizations (some with list of members), Daughters of the American Revolution publications, fur trade history, regional histories, Historical Records Surveys (WPA), and even some personal papers.

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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

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Hawkins Family Group-02



Left to right are three sons of Bluford, c1797 - 1873, and Elizabeth Hawkins: John, Luman, and Frank. The fourth picture is marked as Jno Hawkins & Effie Dillman (Effie was on the right half of the frame and not shown here), and is possibly another son. It is in the same area of a scrapbook constructed by Eliza Lucinda Dillman (the g-grandmother of Nancy Klinker that provided the pictures).

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Hawkins Family Group-03

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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.

You do not have to be a participant to send material for this family group. Old pictures, family stories, unanswered questions, brick walls, whatever would be of interest to our line, to your part of the line, or information on a particular event that might have been an influencing factor in the history of an ancestor (s). If you send pictures please scan at 300 dpi, and furnish the who/when/where/why to the extent you can.

Is James Hawkins II, 1715-1793, m. Martha (Hollowell), our common ancestor, the only issue of Jeffery, c1633-1711/12 & Dorothy (Matlock) that produced Hawkins sons? I do not know of any other current male lines to Jeffery. Does anyone?

We know that Jeffery's son Roger was dismissed from unity (Hinshaw, Vol. 2, p. 1000, Falls MM: "1684, 4, 4. Roger [Hawkins] rpd mou"). Did he never produce any sons? And what about Roger's brothers Daniel, Jeffery, and John?

Daniel, 1665-1689, (From Bucks Co., Pennsylvania Deed Records, 1684-1763, by John David Davis: Page 278, 11 Sep 1689 [?Nov?], Thomas & Jane Coverdale, (executor of the estate of his brother-in-law Daniel Hawkins), laborer, of Bucks Co., Pennsylvania to Henry Seddall, tailor, of same, 14.75 (English pounds), 100 acres...purchased of his father Jeffrey Hawkins...line of John Collins and Thomas Dickerson. Signed Thomas (X) Coverdale and Jane (X) Coverdale. Wit: William Beakes and Henry Baker.), was there no issue here?

Jeffery, 1670-after 1 Mar 1706, From Bucks County Pennsylvania Deed Records, 1684-1763 by John David Davie (Heritage Books, Inc): Page 313, 1 Mar 1706 [?May, the 3rd month], "Jeffery Hawkins, bachelor, of Philadelphia Co., Pennsylvania to Elizabeth Darby (widow of William Darby), of Falls Twp.,

Bucks Co., Pennsylvania, 100 acres...patented, 1684, by his father. Signed Jeffery (X) Hawkins. Wit: Joseph Kirkbride, Joseph Kirkbride Jr. and Mary Kirkbride.") is there no issue here?

John, 1674/75-??, we have no information on him that I know. Possibly he died on the 1682 voyage of the *Welcome* to America. ("one passenger had come aboard at Deal with incipient small pox...burial at sea were an every day occurrence, until 31, or approximately one-third of the passengers died and went to a watery grave...") [source: An address to the Welcome Society, 25 Oct 1957, by George P. Orr].

And, what about the four brothers of our James II & Dorothy? The late Carl Hawkins lists them as William, John, Joseph, and Isaac. Surely, somewhere, there are living male descendents. Does anyone have any information on these men?

And then, there was our first generation Jeffery's brother Roger. He was almost certainly, with his wife Sarah, on the *Welcome* when it arrived in 1682. We know that Jeffery married at All Saints, Norton Bavant, Wilts. Where did Roger marry? Where were Jeffery and Roger born?

Talk to me folks. If you have knowledge or thoughts please share.

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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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