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Newsletter – 30 June 2012

Join the Hawkins Worldwide DNA Project!

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Your family history is complete; you (or maybe your great-aunt Nellie) have done all the paper work. The records are all there and they have all been authenticated. Its done. BUT, Are you really sure? Whatever you have found, whatever it is that you know to be, you just ain't proved it yet. It is not done until the DNA is done. Your DNA is the final authentication as to who you really are. **DNA** is the final test. Some of your line must test.

The Hawkins surname, per the 1990 census, comprised .059% of the total population, ranking 159th of more than 87,000 names. Smith was the most used surname, comprising 1.006% of the population. I wonder what the 2010 census will report.

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As I write, we have had 24,622 visits to our Home site since its initiation on 17 August 2003. Following, as stated at the site is the purpose of this project.

The purpose of the HAWKINS Worldwide Genealogy DNA Project is to assist in the confirmation of collected historical data. Participants in the project submit samples from light scrapings/combing from the inside cheeks of their mouth. These combings are tested for the number of "repeats" (or alleles) of selected markers of the Y-chromosome (the y-chromosome is passed from the father to the son each generation, and are unchanged for many generations). The alleles (12, 37, or 67) are entered into a database for comparison to all other participants. Surname participants with the matching markers are descendants of the same male ancestor.

Knowing what proven Hawkins line that you descend from will allow you to concentrate your efforts on that line, not wasting time with an unrelated group of Hawkins; it will help keep you out of that proverbial blind alley. Joining our project will help all Hawkins in the search for our history.

Hawkins cousins are indicated when, using the 12-marker test, there are at least 11 matching markers; using the old 25-marker test, it would require 23 matches, and using the 37-marker test it would require 35 matches. If you were to match on 11 of the 12-marker test, we would recommend that you have an additional 25 tested to insure that the relationship exists. For this reason, if it is affordable, I recommend the 37-marker test to start with, or the 67-marker test.

After 10 years working with this I recommend the Y-67 as a best minimum consideration.

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Technology Tip of the Month--Exploring Adobe Photoshop and Elements:
The Filter Gallery by Kay Spears.

I want to begin exploring some other fun, photographic restoration tools in Adobe Photoshop and Elements by talking about the Filter Gallery. This is also a great tool for adding some flourishes to brochures, websites, flyers and posters.

A few words of advice -- before you begin a project involving any Photoshop program, make sure you know what you want to accomplish. The end result desired will affect your choices. For instance, when I create something I know will be printed, I use higher resolution images. If what I'm working on involves text, I probably will use Adobe Illustrator because the print quality of vector text is better than that of raster text. If I am using a professional printer, I always contact them to get detailed information about their services. Some important questions include: In what format do they want the finished project? Do they want color separations? Any packet sent to a printer should include the images used in the finished product. Always make sure you and the printer understand each other. You really don't want any surprises after the job is done.

Another tip -- if I am concerned that an image might have a pixelated, fuzzy quality when printed, I always zoom in to 300% while working on it. If I can see pixilation on the screen, chances are I will have an image that is fuzzy when printed. I then look for ways to correct the problem. If I am working on a project that will be posted online, I can relax a little and not use the high resolution images I use for print. I can even use the raster text in the Photoshop software. What if the project is for both print and Web? This is my suggestion: Always design the higher quality product first, save it, and then reduce it down to a JPEG or GIF for Web use.

Let's look at the Filter Gallery. This is a collection of tools that will add pizzazz to any project. It might even spice up an old photograph. Have you ever had a copy of an old family photograph that appears to be pixelated? If so, it's probably one that is or was a JPEG image. There are several tools in the Filter Gallery that may disguise some of the problems with this kind of image, but they won't work in every case. Open an image. Go to Filter>Filter Gallery. A large dialogue box opens, with the image displayed. On the right are numerous choices. Those I have found useful in disguising JPEG artifacts are Cut Out, Film Grain and Watercolor (under Artistic); Ink Outline (under Brush Strokes); and Diffuse Glow (under Distort). When you click on each tool, you will be able to adjust the settings. Just remember, a damaged photograph with JPEG artifacts cannot be restored to its original pristine condition; however, the above tools may help to disguise the problem.

Next month: More About the Amazing Filter Gallery

If you are in the Ft. Wayne, IN area and interested in Melungeon ancestry - Saturday, August 4th, Roberta Estes is returning to the Allen County, Indiana Public Library with a number of her colleagues for a day-long seminar on DNA and Melungeons. The DNA work that has been done with Melungeon populations is truly remarkable, and answers age-old questions about their origins. Now, before you say that you don't have any Melungeon ancestors, let me hasten to tell you a bit more about the day. The seminar will begin with a general introduction to DNA and genealogy. Ms. Estes does an excellent job with this presentation. So, if you have been wondering about how DNA findings work with genealogical research, this is a must-attend session, Melungeon or not. In addition, the question and answer period at the end of the day will likely cover DNA findings as they relate to African Americans and Native Americans. Even more good news is that the seminar is free. Attend the whole day or just sessions of particular interest--it's totally up to you.

If your Family Group does not have an Assistant Administrator, it is not being provided the assistance that is wanted. It is just no longer possible for me to provide the attention to the individual family groups as I have tried to in the past. It is not necessary that the Group Administrator be a testing participant, just a keen interest in advancing the knowledge within their family group. The family Groups that we have identified that do not have a leader are 03, 06, 09, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22. Volunteers please!.

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

Hawkins Family Group-02 (Group Administrator is Bob Hawkins, bobhawk507@sbcglobal.net)
(http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html#Group-02)

I have received a couple of e-mails in the last month from Elizabeth Gibbons who is a niece of Mildred Showalter Farmer. Mildred wrote the book "Bits & Pieces of the Hawkins Family Puzzle" and it has been sectioned in the Hawkins Family Newsletter over the last year. Elizabeth said that her mother was a cousin of the "Wilderness" Hawkins in Franklin Co., KY.

Elizabeth's mother was June Catherine Mills Showalter. This family resided in Thorn Hill in Franklin Co., KY for several generations. June & Mildred were the daughters of John Howard Showalter & Mary Martha "Matt" Hawkins. Mary Martha was the daughter of John William Hawkins b. 1865 & Mary Catherine Pfeffer. John William was the son of Charles William Hawkins b. 1839 & Martha A. Easley. Charles William was the son of Benjamin S. Hawkins b. 1800 & Elizabeth Church b. 1805. Benjamin was the son of Reuben Hawkins & Rebecca Edwards. Reuben was the son of William Hawkins & Elizabeth Wall.

The "Wilderness Hawkins" group if correct would fit into Group 2, but a male descendant being tested would solidify this genealogy.

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

(http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html#Group-04)

The following images were scanned from *HAWKINS FAMILY RECORDS*, Vol. II, pp 29-30, May 1, 1970, Compiled by Carl H. Hawkins (deceased) of Richmond, IN.



JOHN HAWKINS, III
Operated Saw Mill, Ice Company
and Quaker City Dairy.



NATHAN HAWKINS
Built and Operated Historic Saw Mill



Sarah Hawkins, Nathan's Wife

This John III & Nathan Hawkins were sons of John & Lydia Comer Hawkins. They lived in the Richmond, Wayne Co., IN area. The children of Nathan & Sarah were William, Eliza, Lydia, John C., Henry, Eli, Jane S., Allen, Charles, and George. Following Lydia's death in 1867, Nathan married Martha. They had a daughter Belle, and though I do not have proof, it seems Omar and Frank.



William — Born 1/1/1830



Eliza — Born 3/30/1832



Lydia — Born 9/24/1834



John C. — Born 9/18/1836



Henry — Born 12/25/1838



Eli — Born 5/20/1841



Jane S. — Born 10/10/1843



Allen — Born 4/15/1846



Omar U. — Born 10/23/1875
Belle — Born 11/28/1872 and Frank (Long) Hawkins

Carl Henry Hawkins was born 20 June 1906 in Spartanburg, Randolph County, Indiana. He attended grade and high school in Lynn, Indiana, and graduated in the class of 1924. In 1926 he graduated from the International Business College in Ft. Wayne. He married Esther Myers and they had a daughter, Eunice Mae. Carl was a contractor and builder from 1927 to 1964, served as the building commissioner in Richmond and was a real estate broker from 1964 until his death. He was a Mason and was a trustee and elder of the Earlham Heights Presbyterian Church in Richmond.

Records compiled by:
CARL H. HAWKINS



(Photo taken in 1963)

Hawkins Family Group-07 (Group Administrator is Jeff Hawkins, jhawk1128@comcast.net) The Group-07 family pages at http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnproject/tree_g-1.html#Group-07

It appears that Zachariah Hawkins of Amelia Co. Va. is the same Zachariah of Halifax Co. as shown in the records below.

Halifax Co. deed book 12 p 141, 1781 John Drinkard sells 300 acres to Zachariah Hawkins, both of Halifax Co. John Drinkard was also in Amelia Co. prior to Halifax Co. He married Ann Wilkinson of Amelia Co., the probable daughter of William Wilkinson. John was the adm. of William Wilkinson's estate and apt. guardian of his underage orphans. John was surety on the marriage bond for Zachariah Hawkins and Elizabeth Wilkinson in Amelia Co. bonded the 5 March 1763. It is thought Elizabeth was a sister to the above Ann Wilkinson.

Halifax Co. 17 March 1788, John Hawkins and James Wilkinson witness a deed for Zachariah. The land bounded Robert Wade, another family from Amelia Co. prior to coming to Halifax Co.

Halifax Co. deed book 20 p 278, 1804, Philip Hawkins jr. witness a deed between John Hawkins sr. and James Brooks.

Halifax Co. deed book 20 p 417 Zachariah Hawkins witnesses a deed between John Hawkins and James Brooks.

Halifax Co. 1795 John Hawkins received land from Zachariah Hawkins, but no deed is recorded. This is found in the book of alterations to the tax list.

Halifax Co. 21 Sept. 1798 Thomas Hodges married Keziah Hawkins. Zachariah Hawkins gave consent for his daughter Keziah. This is the same Hodges family that had two brothers marry two of John Hawkins's daughters.

We feel that Zachariah Hawkins of Amelia and Halifax Co. are the same person. And that John Hawkins of Halifax Co. is the son of, or at least a close family member, of Zachariah. John and Jane Hawkins and their family later moved to Hart Co. Kentucky in 1817 where the Hodges, Bomars, Bushes, and Fergusons of Halifax Co. Va. also located.

John and Jane Hawkins of Halifax County Virginia

On November 1, 1816 John and Jane Hawkins sold their land in Halifax County Virginia preparing for their move to Hardin County Kentucky. They moved to an area in the southern portion of the county on Three Forks of Bacon Creek known as Hammondsville. This area became a part of Hart County in 1819 when Hart County was formed from Hardin County and Green County. Tax lists of Hardin County in 1817 listed a John and his son James Hawkins. Using neighbors as references we know that they were in the Hammondsville area of the county. There was another John Hawkins in Hardin County in the northern part of Hardin County about thirty miles away. I have not made any connection with that family of Hawkins at present.

John and James Hawkins appear on the 1819 tax list of Hart County. By 1820 John Hawkins had acquired 595 acres on Three Forks of Bacon Creek. In 1830 it appears that John divided the balance of his land between his sons. James had picked up 121 acres in 1827. Samuel, Andrew and John Hawkins Jr. each received 122 acres in 1830, leaving John Sr. with 108 acres. This adds up to 595 acres. In 1831 John had no land listed and Washington Hawkins picked up 100 acres. Perhaps this was the last acres of John Hawkins Sr. The tax lists of Hart Co. were used for this information.

The Hart County courthouse burned in 1923 destroying all records except one book. So we have to rely on other records such as the tax lists and vital statistics to put our families together. John Hawkins remained on the tax lists after 1831 until 1837, but without land. I don't know if he had passed on before 1837 and his name not removed or he lived until 1837. I feel he lived until 1837 since there was no reason to leave his name on the tax list without any land.

The vital records for Hart County also give us supporting information about John Hawkins. The death records for Samuel and Andrew Hawkins say that their father was John Hawkins. Halifax County was given as the birthplace for Samuel Hawkins.

John Hawkins married Jane "Jenny" Ferguson in Halifax County Va. on 28 June 1790. Her mother Jane Ferguson gave her consent. Their known children are:

- 1) James Hawkins b.1792 Halifax Co. Va. He married a lady named Nancy. Some say she was a Lindsey. He died 1861-62 in Hart Co. Ky. Again we use the tax list of Hart County for this date. In 1861 James is listed with 56 acres and 46 acres. In 1862 it is Nancy for James Hawkins (decd) heirs 56 acres and 50 acres.
- 2) Samuel Hawkins b. 15 January 1794 Halifax Co. Va. He married Elizabeth Wheeler. He died 2 March 1856 in Hart Co. Ky. as given in Hart Co. vital statistics death dates.
- 3) Mary "Polly" Hawkins b. 25 May 1796 Halifax Co. Va. She married Frederick Hodges on 6 June 1815 in Halifax Co Va. She died in Hart Co. Ky. after 1870.
- 4) Nancy Hawkins b. 10 June 1797 Halifax Co. Va. She married Miles Hodges on the 1 July 1816 Halifax Co. Va. She died 30 May 1868 in Hart Co. Ky.
- 5) Andrew Hawkins b.10 July 1800 Halifax Co. Va. He died 21 July 1858 in Hart Co. Ky. as given on the vital statistics death date. His wife's name was Catherine. Larue has been given as possible last name.
- 6) John Hawkins Jr. b. 29 January 1802 Halifax. Co. Va. He married Barbara. She may have been a Bowen. He died 22 March 1889 in Hart Co. Ky. He is buried in the Three Forks Bacon Creek Church cemetery.
- 7) Washington Hawkins b. ca 1798 Halifax Co. Va.

There were others that moved to Hart Co. Ky. at or near the same time as John and Jane Hawkins from the same area in Halifax Co. Many of them were family and some neighbors and friends. The families included Hodges, Ferguson, Bomar, and Bush.

James Hawkins the son of John and Jane is my 3rd Great Grandfather. He lived in Hart Co. for 45 years. He had a son named Edmond Hawkins who later moved to Oklahoma and died there. Edmond's son James William Hawkins remained in Hart Co. Ky. He later moved a few miles to Larue Co. Ky. until his death. The farm we live on was purchased by him in 1913 and has been in our family since then. We live about three miles from where John Hawkins settled in Hart co. in 1817. According to Forrest Hodges, who is a descendent of the Hawkins family, the settlement was called Hawkins Valley. He showed me some cemeteries where the old Hawkins's were said to be buried. Sadly they only were fieldstones with no names on them.

The above information was prepared by Glenn Hawkins. Linda Kmiecik Girard, Illinois provided information on children 3 and 4. Willie Avery Heady of Hardin Co. Ky. and Edinburg, Texas. Other sources: Halifax Co. VA. marriages, Halifax Co. Va. deed book 26 p 280, 1817 tax lists of Hardin Co. Ky., Tax lists of Hart Co. Ky., and Vital statistics of Hart Co. Ky.

Hawkins Family Group-13 (Group Administrators are Carol Noonkester, nelsnoon@windstream.net, and Kay Pacer, kypacer@aol.com).

(http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html#Group-13.)

Group 13 participants share a T1 haplogroup and many have traced their ancestry back to an Elisha Hawkins who was born around 1802. He married three times; Isabelle Roberts, Elizabeth Hall, and Sarah Fields. Elisha, a blacksmith, lived much of his early life in Wilkes County, North Carolina, although some of his children were born while he was residing in Johnson Co., Tennessee. Elisha later moved to Russell County, Virginia. Some descendants remained in the Virginia area while others went out of the state, such as the siblings who migrated to Pike County, Kentucky.

Group participants are sharing with each other both early photographs and papers from their families, as well as current photos and activities. The DNA project is of great interest to us, and after receiving several Hawkins matches, we are now receiving some near matches with the Holbrook surname. We are currently trying to gather more information on possible historical connections between our Hawkins family and persons with

the Holbrook surname, and this project seems to be making progress. Members of our group represent descendants of various children of Elisha, as well as his brothers, and we are continuing to add new connections.

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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 a link for 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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