

Newsletter – 31 July 2012

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Busy, busy! Seems like there is never enough time to get everything done. I'll bet you have the same feeling a lot of the time. But busy is better for me. I am not good at doing nothing and watching the world go by. Putting together my submission For the Family-04 Group this month has taken a bit longer than I planned on. So, my fault that the newsletter is running a few days behind. Not enjoying the mid 100s here in the Fort Worth – Dallas area; 106° yesterday about the same today. Beats 0° though.

DNA testing has been a real boon for family history. It has evolved quite a lot over the past year, and I am of the strong opinion that every family, without exception, should Y test. The cost can be next to nothing if a group of cousins contribute to the testing of one or two males in the family. The results from the testing of two males are effectively the results for the entire family group.

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If your family has not tested, I urge you to contact some of your cousins about doing so. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you might have about this Repeating I receive no monetary compensation, just

might have about this. Repeating, I receive no monetary compensation, just good feelings about what I'm doing.

I may have missed a bet this past month in not properly checking some Y-12 results. With the multiplicity of matches at the Y-12 level, and almost all our participants testing with the Y-37 to Y-111, I had lately been giving it only a cursory look. A 11/12 match could be an indication of a relationship existing before the use of surnames. You can limit the search by optionally using the "last name starts with:" selection, "h" for Hawkins.

Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library No. 101, July 31, 2012

Technology Tip of the Month--Adobe Photoshop: More About the Amazing Filter Gallery by Kay.

For more Photoshop fun, I'm going to combine two images, a photograph of my grandmother and an image of some flowers, using the Layers Palette, Masking Tool, and, of course, the Filter Gallery. First, I open both images, and then change the grandmother image from Background to Layer by right clicking on the image in the Layers Palette. Next step is to drag the flowers image into the grandmother image. To do that, I find it easier to go to the Layers Palette, put my cursor over the layer I'm dragging, hold down the left click button on my mouse, and drag and drop the flowers into my grandmother's image. The cursor will change from a hand with a pointed finger to a closed fist when executing this maneuver. Now, in the grandmother image Layers Palette, there are two layers. If you want to change the size of the image dropped, press Ctrl+Alt+T. A box with some handles will appear around the top image. Holding the shift key down, grab one of these handles and pull until the image is the size desired, and then double click. There will now be three layers on the Layers Palette. The second layer (the original image that was dragged and dropped) may be deleted, or turned off by clicking on the eye.

To apply some special effects to the top layer open the Filter Gallery. A copy of the top image will be on

display. Experiment by choosing different effects, and altering the settings for each effect, until you find one that you like. Then click OK in the Filter Gallery dialog box. The entire top image will appear altered by whatever effect you have chosen. Apply as many of these effects as you want. Have fun with this tool!

Next, use the Masking tool on the top image. If you don't have a Masking tool, you may erase, or refer to the May 31, 2012 Genealogy Gems article on creating a mask. Now, click on the mask, then the brush tool. Make sure the Color palette for the Brush tool is black. Set the opaque setting low and start to move your brush over the area in which you want the bottom layer to show through. Keep doing this until you get the desired effect.

You may use any image for this effect; it doesn't have to be flowers. You also can use this method to produce a collage of family photos. You can alter one layer or all the layers using the Filter Gallery. Experiment, and have fun with this technique. The results will amaze you.

Next in Adobe Photoshop: Reducing paper texture, print patterns and Moiré pattern.

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 identifed that do not have a leader are 03, 06, 09, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22. **Volunteers please!**.

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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-01 (Group Administrator is Marsha Moses, mosesm@earthlink.net.) http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html#Group-01

Dekalb County, AL — Hawkins participant 59402. Article by Nancy Hawkins Pack, <u>npacks@charter.net</u>.

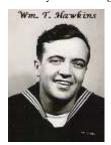
Our most distant ancestor Benjamin Hawkins (1754-1827) was born in NC and died in McMinn County TN. We know from Benjamin's will that his wife was Mary and they had 10 children—Benjamin, Jr., James, Joseph, William, Nancy, Blanche, Polly, Sally, JOHN and Raleigh. In the Chancery Court Records of McMinn County TN there are disputes documented about the land Benjamin Hawkins had bequeathed to his wife Mary and their children. Depositions describe what happened to the children in the years after Benjamin's death. John Hawkins (our Great-great grandfather) and his brother Raleigh migrated to Dekalb County AL from the McMinn/White counties of TN about 1833.

By this time, John had married Elizabeth Cook and had six children. Six more children were born to them in Dekalb County AL---Benjamin, III, Alexander, Raleigh, Lucinda, John, II, Mahulda Jane, James, Preston, WILLIAM, Mary Ann, Jerusha, Blanchey. Raleigh (1800) also married Henrietta Beene and had several children in Dekalb County AL. Most of the descendants stayed in the area of Dekalb County AL and Dade County GA except for a few descendants who migrated to Arkansas and Texas.

Our Great-grandfather, WILLIAM C. Hawkins (1840-1872) married Mary Ann Beene (1845-1923) in Dekalb County AL in 1859 just before the Civil War. He was a union sympathizer but was conscripted into the service of the Confederacy in April 1862. He quickly deserted, hid out in the woods for 8 months--- then crossed federal lines and joined the First Tennessee & Alabama Vidette Calvary, Company C. He served as sergeant

until honorable discharge in June of 1864. He was then employed by the United States to work on the military railroad until the end of the war. In 1872, he decided to join a wagon train going out west so he left Dekalb Co.AL with his wife and 3 children (William Jacob, Nancy Elizabeth & JOHN PRESTON). They did have Hawkins and Beene relatives in Arkansas so possibly that was their destination. Around Boles, Arkansas our Great-grandfather William C. Hawkins died and was buried in an unmarked grave. His wife Mary Ann had their fourth child (Amanda Jane) and promptly returned to Dekalb County AL with her four Hawkins children. In 1874, Mary Ann finished filing a claim with the Southern Claims Commission that her deceased husband had started in 1871. (case no. 7538). In 1875 she took her mother, nephew and three neighbors to Cleveland, TN to give depositions proving that she and her husband had been loyal only to the union and had not aided the Confederate cause. She proved her case and received \$366 for 280 bushels of corn, 100 bushels of potatoes, 7 sheep, six hogs and one good horse taken by the General McCook's army in September 1863.

Our grandfather JOHN HAWKINS (1869-1925) was quite industrious and adventurous. He left Dekalb County about 1900 and traveled south to Shelby County AL. He found work as a guard in the Longview Workcamp (1900 census) One evening, the warden Thomas J. Sanders took him home for dinner and he met the warden's daughter, IDA B. SANDERS, (1879-1923). She was to be our grandmother. They moved a few miles away to an area of Bibb county called Six Mile and opened a general store---serving several mining towns that had cropped up as the iron ore was being mined out of the hills and dales of Shelby, Bibb and Jefferson counties. They also lived in part of the store, which was situated at the fork of the Cahaba and Little Cahaba Rivers (now part of a nature conservancy). About 1913, the store burned and they returned to Dekalb County and bought a farm in Lebanon, AL---the county seat at



that time. The railroad was close by and brought all the materials to build a house. They had six children—Horace, Mary B., John P., Chad, WILLIAM THOMAS & Warren G. Their mother Ida B. passed in 1923 and their JOHN P. HAWKINS in 1925 so the young children were reared by a half-uncle and neighbors. In 1923 their



grandfather Papa Sanders and grandmother Mary Ann also passed so they had lots of troubles but they all grew up to be hard working respectable people.

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

Our earliest line is William Hawkins of Orange Co., VA. Other lines in Group 2 that are missing a generation or two are: Jehu Dyer, Burton, Bluford, Joseph Ferguson and a Kirkpatrick line. It seems that Group 2 has almost all broken lines. We are still looking for that needle in the haystack that will open the door for us. I have received several e-mails in the last few months from participants asking questions, so I know that they are working on the answer. I continue to recommend DNA testing, but it has slowed to a crawl. There have been many advances in DNA testing in the last few years and advances continue to happen with regularity. I urge all Groups to encourage testing to all with the Hawkins surname.

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.

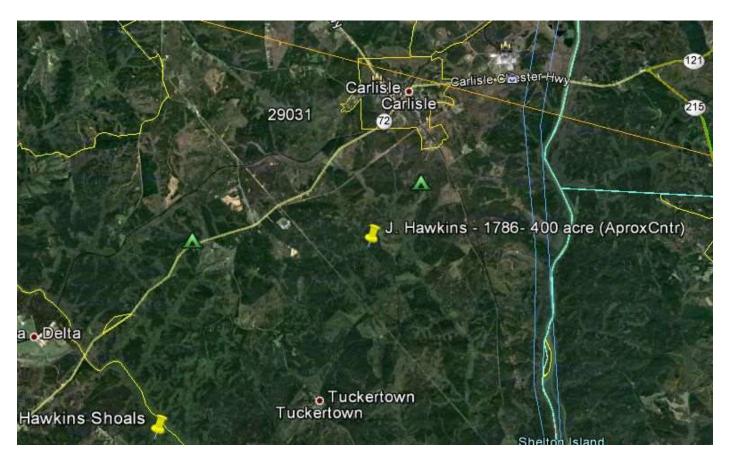
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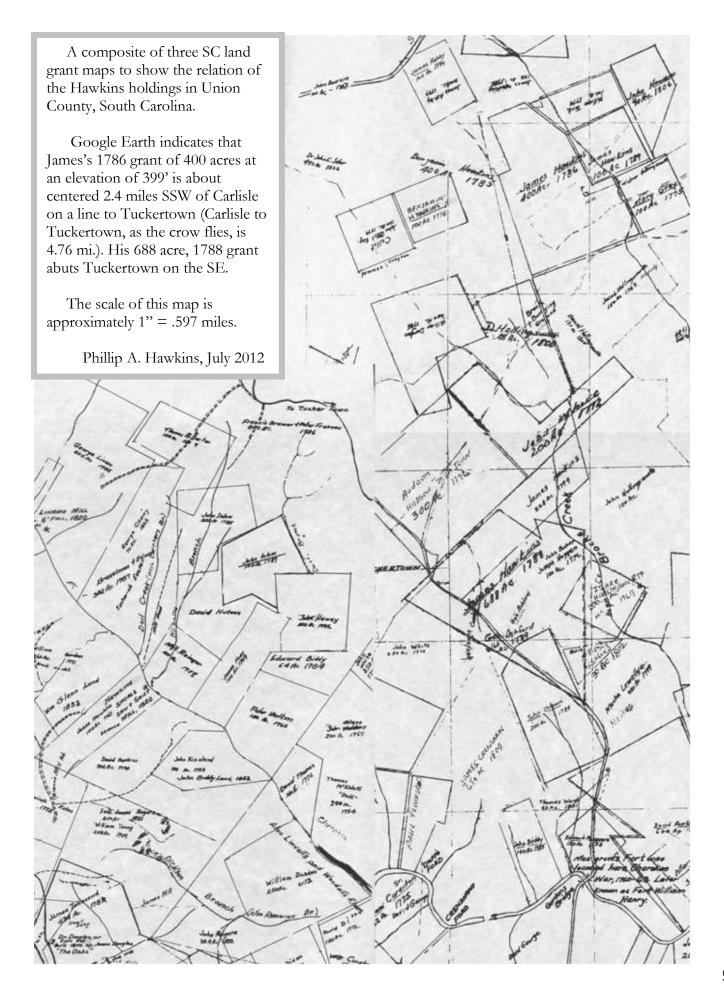
Participants in this Family Group are requested to test, if funds allow, at the <u>Y-67 level as a minimum</u>, and **if possible at the Y-111 level**. It is appropriate for cousins in the same generation to contribute to testing one of the males that **will** be representative of all.

What is the location of the Hawkins cemetery in Union County, South Carolina? *Union County Cemetery Records*, compiled by a Mrs. D. L. Stoddard states that it is located on the highway to Columbia with the earliest dated tombstone year of birth as 1810 and the latest dated tombstone year of death as 1934. Hawkins burials listed are Cassie (wife of Nathan), D. J., Hayes F., Herbert, J. F., J.H., Martha M., Mary E., N. R., Nathan, S. J., T. Hampton, and T. E. Also listed, Mary M. (Gregory) Fowler and J. F. Gregory, and four Hyder - Charlie L., Clarence Ellis, Mary Rosa, and Rosa T. Please contact me with a map location of the cemetery.

I have created a composite map of three of the South Carolina land Grant maps to show the Hawkins grants. Named are, James and sons John and Benjamin. Looking at the dates on the grant maps it would appear that Benjamin was the first to be granted land in the area 100 acres in 1774.

After assembling the land grant maps. I went to Google Earth to get some distances and to pin point the location of some of the holdings. They are shown in the below picture. You should be able to locate Carlisle on a map of Union County, South Carolina to give you a good perspective of the Hawkins holdings. The distance from Carlisle to Tuckertown is 4.76 miles.





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

On July 14-15, 2012, the first-ever gathering of the descendants of Anna Green and Nathaniel Hawkins was held in Louisburg, North Carolina. The event drew family members from as far away as New Jersey, and was organized by Mary Elizabeth Green Johnson, of Louisburg, and Dr. Virginia Green Edwards, of California. A presentation of the family's origin was given by family historian, Renate Yarborough Sanders, who has done extensive



research on both the Hawkins and Green families.

Nathaniel Hawkins (1830 – 1879) was a member of one of Franklin County's first families. His parents were Philemon Hawkins IV and Jacobina Sherrod. His grandfather, Philemon II, was a Colonel in the Revolutionary War, and was one of the representatives appointed to attend the Halifax Congress of 1766, at which the act of establishing Franklin County took place. Nathaniel himself was a slave trader, who ended up in a long-term relationship with Anna Green (1844-?), a young woman of unknown parentage, who is believed to have been, at least for a short time, Nathaniel's personal property. (Further research must be done to prove this conclusively, but in 1860, Nathaniel was the owner of only one slave – a fifteen year old girl who was enumerated in the Slave Census for Franklinton, which is where Anna was before coming to Louisburg, according to family lore.

Nathaniel Hawkins and Anna Green had six children together, over the course of 15 years. Their children were John Wesley (b. 1864), Elizabeth (b. 1868), Annie B. (b. 1871), William Adam (b. 1874), Mary Helen (b. 1876), and Esther (b. 1879). All of the children had the surname, "Green", since, Nathaniel and Anna were unmarried. Nathaniel died in 1879. The date of Anna's death is unknown, but was sometime after the turn of the 20th century, and (presumably) before 1913, since no death certificate has been found to exist.

The descendants of Nathaniel Hawkins and Anna Green are a talented and accomplished group. Traits that were shown in our ancestors – determination, courage, fortitude, and intelligence – have been passed down through generations of DNA. Family members include prominent educators, entrepreneurs, and civil servants, as well as accomplished medical and legal professionals, musicians, and esteemed members of the military.



The family continues to seek information about the relationship between Nathaniel and Anna, as well as any documentation of Anna's life after 1880. To date, no photographs have been found of either of them. The research continues; the quest never ends.

Submitted by Renate Yarborough Sanders, <u>varsan@aol.com</u>, — great-great granddaughter of Nathaniel Hawkins and Anna Green.

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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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