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**October is Family History Month.
Been thinking of testing?
Do it!**

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“Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you.” -
Author Unknown



I took 10 days off in mid-month to “go home” and do some visiting. Tipton County, Indiana is where I grew up before starting a tour of the rest of our world. A bit cooler than Texas, but pleasantly warm. I attended a High School Alumni reunion dinner (the HS was consolidated in 1970), and our Hawkins reunion scheduled to coincide with the HS gathering. Lot's of memories and good conversation. I



normally get back there about once a year, and in all my returns, I have never seen the corn & soy beans looking so baaadd (drought). They were just starting to harvest what had not been cut for the insurance. Brought back a head full of dust to a Texas full of ragweed pollen. Ain't life fun!!

The following copied from ancestry.com:

Hawkins Name Meaning

English: patronymic from the Middle English personal name Hawkin, a diminutive of Hawk 1 with the Anglo-Norman French hypocoristic suffix -in. English: in the case of one family (see note below), this is a variant of Hawkinge, a habitation name from a place in Kent, so called from Old English Hafocing 'hawk place'. Irish: sometimes used as an English equivalent of Gaelic Ó hEacháin (see Haughn). [huh?]

Hawkins Family Origin

[England \(630\)](#)

[Ireland \(240\)](#)

[Great Britain \(111\)](#)

[Scotland \(39\)](#)

[Wales \(8\)](#)

[Germany \(5\)](#)

from the [New York Passengers List](#)

Hawkins Civil War Service Records

[All Hawkins](#) 3,812

[Confederate](#) 1,833

[Union](#) 1,979

from the [Civil War Service Records](#)

...Sharing...

A follow up to last months.

Testing can be a “sharing” event. A number of family members can donate a small amount to have one of the male members tested. A sharing in the cost, a sharing in the results.

So, how about thinking along the line of sharing, of giving, of actively being a part of the solution to the problems and questions raised in your line.

Truly, you are needed. You can check pricing and join our Hawkins DNA Project at www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx?Group=Hawkins&Code=Z47192. I would like to see all participants at the Y-67 level. I have recently upgraded to the Y-111 level that is going to be quite important in defining and connecting the branches of our trees.

QUESTIONS??? ANSWERS!!! +HELP+

Following is a comment I saw online, “The purpose of a Y chromosome DNA test is to obtain results to compare with other men's results and hopefully gain some knowledge from matches. I've seen too many people who "don't get it", who had a test without any understanding that their results are rather useless if not shared. They expected to learn their origins (I think some believed their pedigree chart would suddenly appear) which is not the purpose of STR testing of the Y chromosome.” John G..... an email 02 Sep 2012.

That is why project administrators exist. I am here to assist you with questions and where appropriate offer counseling. How can I help you?

Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library, No. 103, September 30, 2012

Technology Tip of the Month--Adobe Photoshop: Reducing a Moire Pattern (Part 2) by Kay Spears

Last month, I wrote about reducing the Moire pattern in a photograph by using the settings on a scanner. But, what if the scanner you are using doesn't have those settings? Let's look at reducing the Moire pattern by using Adobe Photoshop. As with the previous “fix” I described, the resulting image will be slightly blurred. So, once again, you will probably need to choose between an out of focus image or one with a Moire pattern.

First, open the image. Enlarge the image view to 100 percent. Now, zoom out by holding down the Ctrl key and pressing the - key. Don't confuse screen resolution issues with the Moire pattern and keep zooming out until you can no longer see the Moire pattern. When that pattern disappears, note the zoom percentage displayed in the lower left corner of the screen. Now select Image>Image Size and check Resample Image and Constrain Proportions near the bottom of the dialog box that opens. In the Pixel Dimensions drop down box, change “pixels” to “percent” and enter the percentage you made note of previously. Click OK.

Then, select Image>Image Size to reopen that dialog box. In the Pixel Dimensions drop down box, once again change “pixels” to “percent.” This time enter the original percentage – 100. In the drop down box at the bottom of the Image Size dialog box, select Bicubic Smoother and then click OK. This should reduce the visual effect of the Moire pattern. I had to go through all of these steps twice on my practice image before I noticed an improvement.

Next: Working with Color Photographs Using Adobe Photoshop.

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Also – Preserving electronic records (Kurt Wichter):

The Library of Congress offers very useful downloadable PDF documents, streamed videos, and step-by-step guides on its website: www.digitalpreservation.gov/personalarchiving/. If you've explored the site before, go back for a refresher. If it's new to you, you will find tips on how best to preserve your digital photographs, digital audio and video, email, personal digital records, and websites.

If your Family Group does not have an Assistant Administrator, it is not being provided the oversight that is needed. 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 or have more than basic DNA knowledge, 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!

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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

John #25399 - Please advise your latest email. Phil

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)

We need more participants in our Family Group-04. Please reconsider your "not to" decision. If you do not have a relative to participate please consider donating \$'s for group testing. Please contact me with your thoughts on this and if you would like to make a donation, please advise me what amount you can give (we are not a tax deduction). Please give this thought some ***serious*** consideration.

Participants in this Family Group are requested to test, if funds allow, at the **Y-67 level as a minimum**, 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.

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Benjamin, the second son of James & Martha (Hollowell), m. Martha (Hollingsworth) (d. SC in 1797). Benjamin, and his second wife Olive (Smith), migrated from Union Co., SC to Butler Co., OH, where he died in 1815. Three of their sons, Joseph, Levi, and James eventually settle in Benton County, Indiana. Benton County is on the western Indiana border just north of the centerline of the state. The following concerns the three sons here mentioned. It is copied from ***HISTORY OF BENTON COUNTY*** by Barce & Swan (1930), CHAPTER IV, 1841-1845, THE HAWKINS FAMILY. (continued from the previous issue)

..... Levi Hawkins married Mary Evans of the State of Georgia, a lady of Welsh descent.

To this union eight children were born as follows: Joseph, Benjamin, Robert, William, Hannah, Esther, Sally and John. Benjamin's first wife was Elizabeth Lett; Robert Hawkins married Sarah Carter, William Hawkins married Hannah Hollingsworth; John Hawkins married Margaret Sheetz, a daughter of Judge John Sheetz; Hannah married William Ivers; Esther married Joseph Hefner; Sally married "Haze" Baugh.

Benjamin Hawkins, the eldest son of Levi in this county, was a native of Butler county, state of Ohio, and was born on October 28th, 1813. He died in the year 1891 and is buried at Gilboa by the side of his third wife, Sarah.

As heretofore stated, Benjamin Hawkins' first wife was Elizabeth Lett, who died on September 28, 1848, and who is buried in the southern part of this state. She died of tuberculosis at a time when her daughter Alice Jane, (afterwards Mrs. Thomas Ladd of Fowler), was only seven years of age. The children by this first marriage were James L. Hawkins, Levi Hawkins, Thomas L. Hawkins and Sarah Jane Hawkins. Benjamin Hawkins' second wife was Mrs. Sarah (Baugh) Jones, mother of William Jones, auditor of Benton county from 1860 to 1868, and to this union three children were born, Theodore, Anderson and Nancy, later the wife of Edward, son of Duncan MacArthur Williams. The second Mrs. Hawkins died in the year 1875. The third wife of Benjamin Hawkins was Sarah A. (Brown) Hollingsworth, who was born in 1818 and died in the year 1898. No children were born to this last union.

We have it from the recollection of Benjamin Hawkins that he was reared a Quaker, as were all the brothers in the father's family, but he later became an ardent Methodist and was one of the founders and builders of Stallard Chapel near Adylotte, erected about the year 1860. The old foundations of this edifice may still be seen on the Herbert L. Harrington farm in Pine township. He was early a Whig, always an abolitionist, and with the formation of the Republican Party he became an enthusiastic and strict adherent of that organization until the time of his death. [end of page 28]

Perhaps no man in Benton county contributed more to the cause of the Union than Benjamin Hawkins. Levi Hawkins his son, was a second lieutenant in the Tenth Indiana Volunteers, and being severely wounded in the battle of Chickamauga, returned to the farm in Benton county in the year 1864. James L. Hawkins, a second son, served in the Tenth Indiana Volunteers from September 18, 1861 until September 19th, 1864. Thomas L. Hawkins (Bud), the third son, was, as we have it, a member of Co. "I" of the 72nd Indiana Volunteers. For twelve consecutive years, 1856-1868, Benjamin Hawkins was a county commissioner of this county, serving faithfully, honestly and efficiently throughout the trying days of the Civil War, and giving his whole soul and effort to the sustenance of the widows and orphans of the soldiers and the sturdy maintenance of their cause and interest at home.

James L. Hawkins, the oldest son of Benjamin and above mentioned, was born on January 28, 1839, and died on February 24, 1905, and is buried in the Gilboa cemetery immediately west of the old church building. His wife was Cinderella, a daughter of Henson Hayes Owens. She was born on May 1, 1842 and died August 29, 1912. To this union were born the following children: Wilbur, Guy, Letta Hawkins Bauman and Benjamin, late a county treasurer of this county.

Lieutenant Levi Hawkins, second son of Benjamin, was born in Daviess county, Indiana, in the year 1840, and in 1855, at the age of fifteen, moved to Benton. On the opening of the Great Rebellion, he was one of the first to enlist at the great war meeting held in the grove just south of the old Evan Stevenson place in Pine township, an account of which will hereafter be given, and after serving his country faithfully and being wounded at Chickamauga. he returned to Pine and engaged in farming and stock raising. He became an extensive land owner and a man of wealth and was highly respected by all who knew him. In the year 1869 he was married to Elizabeth, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Owens) Broadie, and to the union three children were born, Florence, Ella and Frances. Some of these girls still own lands in Pine township. We believe that Mr. Hawkins is buried at Remington.

The third son, Thomas L. or "Bud" was never married.

The daughter Alice Jane, was married to Thomas Ladd, late a respected citizen of Union township and later of Fowler, on the 11th day of April, 1858. Four children were born to this union, Emma, Ida, Clara and Benjamin. now a Justice of the Peace of Center township.

Robert Hawkins, the second son of Levi and Mary Evans Haw- [end of page 29]

Pages 30 & 31 of Ralph Hawkins Bowers scans are missing.

[start page 32] Oak Grove and continued in this position for some time. On organization of a new Pine in the early "fifties" he became one the first three trustees, taking a commendable interest in all roads and improvements and in the development of the whole county. [In] politics be was a Republican and like his brother Benjamin an ardent. supporter of the Union. He died on August 18, 1890, aged 74 year and 9 months and is buried at Gilboa. His wife Sarah died November 3, 1882 and is buried by his side.

James W. Hawkins, the oldest child of Robert and a soldier of the Civil War, was born in Pine township, Benton county, Indiana on the 23rd day of July, 1844, and died on August 14, 1911. He and his wife are buried at Montmorenci. He received a fair common school education, and early turned his attention to cattle raising and farming, the chosen field of all his ancestors. At the opening of the Civil War and in the year 1862 when eighteen years of age, he became a member of the 72nd Indiana Volunteer Infantry serving with distinction and honor for a period of three years ant! being wounded at the battle of Chickamauga. On returning home he resumed his prior occupation. In 1871 he was united in marriage with Mary M., daughter of Peter and Catherine Switzer, who survived him some years and died on June 17, 1927. To this union] the following children were born: Elmer A. Hawkins, now a farmer of Pine and born on September 23, 1872; Sarah Catherine, born! September 1, 1874, and living in Oklahoma; J. Robert Hawkins, born March 8, 1876. and now residing at Otterbein; Mary Beatrice, born February 29, 1880, and living at Indianapolis; Edna Mabel, born November 8, 1884, and now in California.

Elmer A. Hawkins was married to Laura Belle Cunningham, daughter of James and Emily Cunningham, and to this union the following children were born: James Hillis, Lynn Cunningham and Arthur Charles.

J. Robert Hawkins married Amanda, daughter of Frederick Woodhams, and to this union were born Mabel, Paul, Ruth and Marion. Paul has lately been manager of the Farmers Elevator Company at Otterbein, and is a young man of fine executive ability, strict integrity and good habits. He is a most worthy descendant of a race of men who have been marked by superior abilities and strict attention to the duties of life.

John R. Hawkins, the younger son of Robert and one of the largest landowners of Pine, was born on July 8, 1852, and after passing through a career of honor and industry, died on November; 11, 1919. He is buried in the Gilboa cemetery, east of the old [end of page 32]

church building. It may be justly and honestly observed that he was one of the most highly respected citizens of the county, serving at one time as township trustee and looking with pride upon the advancement of the community, state and nation. He was a splendid business man and farmer, a man of excellent judgment, and clean and honorable in all his transactions with his fellow men. At the time of his death he owned several hundred acres of the finest lands to be found in Benton and White counties.

In the year 1881 he was united in marriage with Sarah McKinnis, a daughter of Philip and Rachel (Wolfer) McKinnis, one of the prominent families in the neighborhood of Greenhill in Warren county. The children of this marriage were Dora B. McKinney; Avery Hawkins, a farmer of White county, and Ernest Merrick Hawkins, a prosperous attorney of Fowler, and lately a member of the lower house of the state legislature from Benton and White. Following the decease of his first wife, John R. Hawkins was married to Ella, a daughter of the late Carey Eastburn of Big Pine, and to this union were born Harold Hawkins, now a farmer of Pine, Lula Bower, wife of Frank Bower of Fowler, and Eva Hawkins of LaFayette.

John Hawkins, a younger brother of the elder Benjamin and Robert (and not to be confounded

with John R. Hawkins) was born in Butler county, Ohio, in the year 1825, and when three years of age removed with his parents to the Wea plains in Tippecanoe. Shortly after this date the parents died, and the young boy was thrown on his own resources. In the year 1850 he was united in marriage with Margaret, daughter of Judge John and Isabel (Parker) Sheetz, and in the year 1852 he came to Benton county, where his two brothers had already preceded him. The blue stem was high, the ranges wide, and Hawkins prospered—he became in turn one of the large landed proprietors of his day and age.

In politics, John Hawkins, like all his people was first a Whig and later Republican. He was a strong Methodist and one of the founders and supporters of Stallard Chapel. He was also an earnest supporter of the public school system. His children were Joseph; Emma, wife of Andrew Alkire; Mary, wife of George T. Emerson; Luther, Frederick and Olive. He died December 22, 1885, at the age of 60 years. 6 months and 7 days, and with his brothers, Benjamin and Robert, is buried at Gilboa. Thus did all the sons of Levi rest at last in the same burial place. Margaret, his wife, born in 1831, lived to a great age, was a woman of strong personality, and universally respected.

An evening at Earlhurst and in the twilight the lights of the [end of page 33]

city far below—the placid river—the towers and spires of the university far beyond. A secluded and a peaceful haven set in the shadows of the great oaks and bespeaking the glory and magnificence of the past, when the master of the manor was the builder of railroads and the lord of many herds. And in all the great halls and rooms and amid the luxurious settings, the most pleasing sight of all, the calm and kindly countenance of the hostess, Alice Earl Stuart, daughter of Adams and Martha Hawkins Earl. The years have been generous to her, for her heart has been generous, and in the closing shadows of the night she has not forgotten to be gracious.

James Hawkins, her grandfather, and brother of Joseph and Levi, was born sixty miles from Charleston, South Carolina, on the 8th day of January, 1788, and when a youth seventeen years of age, came with his father to the plains of Ohio. Here in the years to follow he was united in marriage with Susanna Jones, a Quakeress. and in 1829, following the footsteps of the brothers, he came to the Wea. Martha Hawkins, his daughter, was then seven years of age.

The move was a propitious one. Land could be entered at Crawfordsville at one dollar and twenty-five cents an acre. The grassfed cattle of the west, roaming on the open range, were in high demand in the markets of the east. Following the herds or picking up acorns in the woodlands, were droves of hogs almost wild, that brought in litters of pigs to increase the wealth of their owners. Hay from the uplands of the Ouiatenons - barrels of pork and lard - were flat-boated to the markets of New Orleans and the sunny south. The possessions of Hawkins waxed and increased as if by magic. The first primitive abode of 1829 (still preserved at Shadeland through the thoughtfulness of Mrs. Stuart), gave place to a more stately mansion - the demesne of the owner, on which he began the increase of his famous herds, grew to sixteen hundred acres.

A more delightful or picturesque spot than Shadeland may not be imagined. Beyond the first majestic sweep of the Wabash below the present city of LaFayette - perched high on the southern bank - it commands those very bottoms on which were destroyed the villages of the Weas and Kickapoos in the year 1791. Farther to the west, and on the northern bank, are the Indian Hills and the Riviere De Bois Rouge, or Indian Creek, flowing into the broad current of the river opposite the old town of Granville. Up and down the bosom of the main stream had passed the canoes and pirogues of red men and white for centuries past.

To other and more adventurous spirits perhaps, had come the lure and call of a new wilderness to the west--the wealth and splendour of the cities of the east. To this boy who had come with his father to the free territory of the north—who had crossed the [end of page 34]

mountains with ox teams and carts--these things beckoned not, for in the peace and quiet of the beautiful valley in which he had taken up his abode, he found all things sufficient. He builded his home--constructed the first primitive school house for his growing children -thanked his Creator above for the abundance of His bounty. The wealth that he accumulated by long hours in the saddle and diligent labor with his men was destined to accomplish a mighty work. The dowry of his daughters, augmented by the executive ability and skill of his two famous sons-in-law,

brought about in great measure the development of a new county (Benton), the building of railroads, and the founding of new and prosperous villages and towns.

The full list of the children of James and Susanna Hawkins, we possibly do not possess. Eliza married Moses Fowler; Martha married Adams Earl; Elizabeth married Dr. Austin G. Vanderbilt; Jemima married Edwin B. Winship; Susan married Joseph A. Sims of Delphi; James Hawkins married Jane Sumner, a daughter of Edward C. Sumner of Benton county. Mrs. Stuart is not fortunate enough to possess portraits of her grandfather and grandmother Hawkins, but she presented a most admirable likeness of Martha Earl, her mother. She was a woman of striking face and expression, exhibiting strength of character and purpose. A similitude of Adams Earl will later be placed in the public library at Earl Park. James Hawkins died December 17. 1850. and he and his wife are buried at Greenbush. [comments enclosed in brackets are mine, P. A. Hawkins]

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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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