

HAWKINS DNA Project

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Project site: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/>.

I am a bit late with the December letter, but certainly enjoyed the Holidays with the family. My best wishes to everyone during this new year.

Results of our Hawkins project achieved to date:

Number of participants..... 23
Join requests in process..... 02
DNA results received..... 19
Unique Hawkins lines established..... 10

I would like to encourage each reader to visit www.familytreedna.com. There is a great deal of information relating to this world-wide DNA project, and you can sign up for their interesting monthly letter, *Facts & Genes from Family Tree DNA*. They now have over 750 surname projects running, with more than 17,000 records in the database.

The Hawkins DNA Project uses Family Tree DNA to collect and administer the testing of our DNA samples. Following is information on the new 37 marker test. It is my recommendation that new project members opt for this new test. Starting in January 2004, the 25 marker test will become the minimum acceptable test for joining the project. Member prices are \$169 for the 25 test, and \$229 for the 37 test.

"Family Tree DNA is pleased to announce 37 Markers for Y DNA testing. These additional markers set a new industry standard of product offerings for Genetic Genealogy.

"These additional Markers are also now available for upgrade orders for existing 12 Marker or 25 Marker tests. A 12 Marker test can be upgraded to either 25 Markers or 37 Markers. Since testing at Family Tree DNA includes 25 years of sample storage at no additional charge, upgrade orders do not require that a new test kit is sent. The sample storage is especially beneficial for your older relatives, so that they can participate in future advances in the field of Genetic Genealogy.

"These new additional 12 Markers for our Y DNA test will provide additional resolution, and especially benefit individuals within our popular Surname Projects. The additional Markers may indicate the branches of family trees, and will reduce the time frame of the common ancestor.

"For those who are NOT members of a Surname Project, we do not recommend upgrading to 37 Markers. The upgrade will not provide additional information about migration patterns, or effect the Haplogroup prediction.

"For those who are a 12/12 or 25/25 match with another Surname, an upgrade to 37 Markers is recommended before pursuing the match.

"As a company whose founder is a genealogist with a firm commitment to the genealogical community, we strongly feel that the option should be available for a customer to check markers results across multiple labs. For this reason, we've included among the additional 12 markers a few cross company markers which should serve towards heightening the customers confidence in the science that all of the genetic genealogy companies strive to provide.

"These additional 12 Markers will reduce the time frame to the Common Ancestor. For a 37/37 match, the time frame of the Common Ancestor at 50% probability is 4.7 generations, and at 90% probability is 16 generations.

"Pricing for the 37 Marker test and the upgrades to 37 Markers is available at our web site. If you belong to a Surname Project, or have had a test done at Family Tree DNA, log into your Personal Page and click order tests to see the pricing. [Project members receive a discounted price. Phil]

"As Family Tree DNA sets a new industry landmark for Genetic Genealogy with the launching of the 37 Markers test, we would like to thank all of our customers for their continued support which make us the leading company in the field of Genetic Genealogy and Anthrogenealogy. We also take this occasion to renew our commitment to stay in the forefront of those fields, whether by prompting research of new markers and methods that can contribute to the advancement of the genealogical quest, or by bringing our customers additional tools which will help in your unearthing of family history."

To join the HAWKINS Project go to http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_det.asp?group=Hawkins

If you maintain a web site with Hawkins information, please add a link to our Hawkins DNA Project. Please advise us of any planned Hawkins reunions for 2004. We would like to list them indicating the patriarch, place, dates, and any other special information.

If you have suggestions for the site, please send them.

We now have 89 on our Newsletter mailing list. If you know someone that would like to be on the 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.

Feel free to copy this letter to anyone that you feel would have an interest.

Repeated from last month - The Hawkins Project is not just an American endeavor. We Americans have our roots in the British Isles, and we have heritage and cousins in England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, and wherever the Empire extended. We would like to see participants in our project from these other nationalities. With the exchange rate on the US \$ falling, the test cost has fallen in relation to your local currency. If you are in contact with a person or media (Hawkins web site, etc.) in other parts of our globe, please inform them of our quest, and ask that they spread the word as they can.

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