

HAWKINS WORLDWIDE DNA Project

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A late and short newsletter this time, as we were traveling most of the month of June. Our Hawkins Reunion, in Tipton, Indiana was blessed with good weather and with a good turn out. The drive from Texas was something else - Heavy, heavy traffic in both lanes of I-20 and I-40 with everyone running at 75 to 80 mph. Intermittent heavy rain didn't seem to slow many of those brave souls. Next time we fly (and I do not mean down the Interstates)!

The following is copied from the Family Tree DNA website, www.familytreedna.com:

Family Tree DNA hits new milestones:

- Over **1,000 SURNAME PROJECTS!**
- Over **8,000** unique surnames
- Over **22,000** records in the database

The DNA Study Group has a listing of informational DNA sites at <http://www.dnalist.net/Flyer/index.html>.

The following is copied from the latest Family Tree DNA Newsletter:

The objective of DNA testing for genealogy is to test locations that are "not" unique to an individual. The DNA locations tested by Family Tree DNA are either on the Y chromosome, or mtDNA (A section of the Y chromosome is passed from father to son, virtually unchanged).

If several males were tested who had a common male ancestor, their Y chromosome Genetic Genealogy test results would match or be a close match. Therefore, this type of test does not identify an individual, rather a lineage.

The mtDNA tests provided by Family Tree DNA also do not identify an individual. mtDNA is passed from mothers, to both sons and daughters. Only daughters pass on mtDNA. Since all those who share a common female ancestor would have the same result it is clear why mtDNA test from Family Tree DNA would not identify an individual.

The following I copied from an email:

I was very fortunate to have my FTDNA results break through the "brick wall" I had encountered with conventional research. My 25 marker results matched 24/25 with another line of Hill researchers While my DNA results didn't show exactly where I fit into this new Hill line, it gave me the leads I needed to find where the links were. I have subsequently found (I believe) where my Hill ancestors branched off from the other Hill line. If I hadn't had my DNA tested, it's quite likely that I would have remained at my "brick wall".

Are you having a Hawkins Reunion this year? Consider collecting donations to have some of the most distant cousins in your group tested. Hopefully you have the perfect paper records, but the mutations that occur in the separate lines need to be identified now for succeeding generations. Think about it.

-----Old Stuff-----

- Pass the hat and share the testing cost.

- “R1b (most of the Hawkins lines) is just too common to settle for a 12 marker test. You'd do well to advise anyone expected to match this first result to start with the 25 marker test and save time and (a little) money.”
- The last surnamed male descendant (where a still living last male Hawkins has no children or only daughters) in anyone's line should be tested, and the 37 marker test should be used. I receive so many contacts from Hawkins females that no longer have a living Hawkins male to test. Cost sharing among the family would certainly be appropriate in this case. DNA testing for genealogy is still in its infant stage, and I think some really amazing advances will be made in the next couple of years. A sample on file ensures that new discoveries will benefit descendants.
- 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. We would like to list them indicating the patriarch, place, dates, and any other special information.
- 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.

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Administrator (No remuneration received for this endeavor.)

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