

## HAWKINS WORLDWIDE DNA Project

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Mansfield, Texas where I am living recorded 11 inches of rain in a seven-hour period earlier this week. Fortunately I showed only 5.2" where I live, but local runoff, backed up by fences that were acting as dams caused two of my close neighbors to have water damage in their home. Some areas close by had even more rain in the same time period. Wow! I have a gage in my backyard, keeping a record. When I entered the amount in my dairy (genealogy makes you do a lot of things) I noted that we are only 9/10ths of an inch off the total recorded all last year.

When they talk about "Flash Flooding" in Texas, Believe! We were at a square dance a few years ago at a recreation center when the rain parked on top of us, and by the time we realized that we should not be there, we were stranded. The building proper stayed above the flooding water, but the dance floor (indoor basketball court) turned into a swimming pool with four feet of water. I know, what's this got to do with DNA? Back to regular programming -

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One of the features that I think is very important to our project is that the samples that are collected are maintained for 25 years. I feel sure that over the next few years, as the genome mapping continues, there are going to be some startling discoveries that impact heavily on our genealogy studies. Individuals will be able to benefit from the discoveries using the DNA sample that has been stored.

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General information on all the Surname Projects can be found at [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com). Any readers that have unanswered questions please feel free to contact me with them. I'll do my best to respond in a language that means something to you.

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**BBC Radio Shropshire 96:** During the month I have sent out a number of requests to "Hawkins" e-mail addresses, and have been receiving some nice responses. One of the responder's was Jim Hawkins with the British Broadcasting Company, that asked if I would do a DNA interview with his Shropshire station. My thoughts were (and are) that he could ask a lot of questions that I would do a lot of fumbling with, but it took maybe two minutes to decide that I knew what I knew, and what I don't - I don't. Advising him that I was a volunteer learner, I have agreed to talk with him sometime in the near future. I hope that we can soon get some of our UK Hawkins participating in this project.

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As a result of the contacts made using the "Hawkins" e-mail addresses gleaned from *Google*, I have also received some positive returns from additional Hawkins's that express a desire to participate in our project. That is encouraging, as the value of, and the knowledge gained will grow as we gain more and more participants.

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We have now identified 15 distinct Hawkins lines. I wonder how many we shall be working with a year from now? Hawkins and its derivations is a pre-1600 English name.

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Following is a listing of some of the known ancestors of some of our participants. If you can identify with any of them you may want to contact me. Next month I'll list a few more.

- Thomas Ross Hawkins, 1798 VA - 1885 VA, & Matilda Pinkard.
- John Hawkins, 1754 - 1821 KY, & Winnie ?.
- James Hawkins, c1765 - 1834, & Margaret ?.
- Bluford Hawkins, c 1797 VA - 1873 IN, & Elizabeth 1832 OH - ?
- EDWARD HAWKINS, c 1658 VA - 1717 VA, & ELEANOR

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From the Family Tree DNA Newsletter: "We have been wondering who our oldest participant in DNA testing is. To our knowledge, the oldest participant is 93, and we would like to hear from anyone who is aware of an older participant. Please contact: [editor@familytreeDNA.com](mailto:editor@familytreeDNA.com)."

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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.

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

- "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 (or 37) 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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