

HAWKINS WORLDWIDE DNA Project

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Why are we spending our time with Family History? I for one am interested in the trials and victories of my ancestors, and I early on realized that my life in many ways is a reflection of the lives of those ancestors. Yes, things change, but I think not the important ones. What are some of my hopes, that maybe DNA could help with?

- I hope to someday find pictures of my gg-grandfather Charles (d. 1858) and his wife Martha (Mills), and my ggg-grandfather Henry (d. 1877) whose wife Ann (Pearson) d. 1821, and maybe my gggg-grandfather Amos (d. 1844) and his wife Ann (Milhous). They were Quakers at Caesar's Creek MM in Ohio. DNA might be the key that puts me in touch with that unfound cousin that has those pictures.
- I, like you, want to find the parents of my first known ancestor Jeffery (c. 1636 - 1711/12) and his wife Dorothy (Mattock), wed in Wiltshire in 1662. There are Englishmen (or Australians, New Zealanders, Afrikaners, or ??) somewhere that can maybe provide a key that will lead to a break through of that brick wall. Come on out there, I need to get matched up with some of you.

The counter on our web site has passed 3300 since its inauguration in August of last year, and the hits are increasing as we grow. Following is the end of September participation results:

- Participants..... 32
- DNA results received..... 27
- Test results pending..... 03
- Join requests in process.... 02

We have to date identified 21 distinct Hawkins lines. My guess is that with the increase in the separate lines we will now begin to see more of the new participants begin matching the established lines. As that happens, and the newly matched participants begin to share information, the magic of DNA will show that it can break through some of the old "brick" walls/corners that had existed.

We are seeing our numbers increasing again, and October is looking very positive. If you have been considering testing, I encourage each of you to take that step. I feel very confident that you will be pleased with your decision once you have acted. If you have some concern about testing, please email me phil_hawkins@sbcglobal.net, and I'll do my best to fairly answer any of your questions.

Continuing from last month 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.

- William Giles Hawkins, b. 20 May 1868.
- John H. Hawkins (1825 TN - 1884 AR) & Rachel Richards.
- Robert Hawkins (1691 England - 1761 MD) & Sarah (Unknown).
- Thomas Jefferson Hawkins, b. 1859.

-----Repeats From August letter-----

We have some folks that are interested in our project that do not feel they can afford the one time fee for the testing.

- Would some of our participants be willing to donate to a "project loan fund" to assist getting more folks into the project?
- Would some of you be interested in participating if you could pay the testing fee in four, or six, or 10, or whatever payments?
- How about after the loan is paid off, would you borrowers, then make a donation (say 10%) to increase the fund balance to help others in need of assistance?

General information on all the Surname Projects can be found at 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.

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-----

- "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."
- 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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