

HAWKINS WORLDWIDE DNA Project

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The test results of our first participant from the UK are projected for the 14th of November. I wonder if he will relate to one of our established lines??? Come on you far flung Hawkins's out there. We need each other - Americans, Brits, Aussies, Kiwis, whoever (Its OK to correct me on your names. I do want to be proper). Let's all join together in this Hawkins project.

The counter on our web site has passed 3556 since its inauguration in August of last year, and the hits are increasing as we grow. We have to date identified 18 (the 21 listed last month was not correct) distinct Hawkins lines. Following is the end of October participation results:

- Participants..... 35
- DNA results received..... 32
- Test results pending..... 05 (two results of 12 markers returned. Waiting final 25)

Are you sure of your Hawkins line? Could there be an error, maybe in the selection of the wrong James or John? Your proof could be in the DNA.

We are seeing our numbers increasing again. Three new participants joined with us in October. 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. Family gatherings for Thanksgiving and for Christmas would be a good time to share your thoughts with other family members, suggesting that donations for testing one of the members would benefit everyone. 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.

Concerning donations to help pay for some Hawkins testing, the following was received from Max Blankfeld at Family Tree DNA:

"To Hawkins group manager,

Several Surname Projects have different sources of funding to help pay for some of their members' tests. In that regard, many times we have received requests from Group administrators to set up a Fund for their projects. The new link in your GAP - General Fund - is an area that will keep track of incoming funds, the balance in the account and to which kits the funds were applied. Family Tree DNA will enter the information for tracking purposes as soon as funds are received or disbursed. Funds can be sent by check, credit card or Paypal (in which case it needs to be sent to info@familytreedna.com), and identified as "For the XYZ Project General Fund".

I would like to have your thoughts on establishing such a fund, and how the donations should be used.

Family Tree DNA hits new milestones:

- Over **1,200** [SURNAME PROJECTS!](#)
- Over **9,000** unique surnames
- Over **24,000** records in the database
- Over **9,000** distinct 12-marker haplotypes
- Over **7,000** distinct 25-marker haplotypes

Copied from a discussion on the Rootsweb Genealogy-DNA-L website:

“In the August issue of *Family Chronicle*, "The Magazine for Families Researching their Roots", a good beginning DNA article by S. C. Meates appears on page 55. The title of the article is "DNA Testing for Genealogy". The article is primarily concerned with Y-DNA testing.

“In the second paragraph a list of reasons to test includes the following:

- determine if two people are related and descended from the same ancestor
- confirm your family tree
- find out if others with your surname are related
- find others to whom you are related
- offer clues about your ethnic origin
- determine a location for further research
- confirm surname variants
- identify specific family units for further research
- bridge gaps of lost or destroyed records

“While some of the points are open to debate and have been debated on this forum, the above helps answer the query we see every few weeks, "What reasons can I give my cousin to convince him to do DNA testing?"

Many of the southern Hawkins families run into dead ends caused by the loss of records during the Civil War. The following from the latest Fort Wayne Indiana Library letter suggests the following:

“CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION SOURCES AVAILABLE IN THE HISTORICAL GENEALOGY COLLECTION, PART 1 By Delia Cothrun Bourne

“At the end of the Civil War, the Federal government provided pensions to Union soldiers who were disabled, or to widows and dependent parents of those who had died. Later, the government provided pensions to all Union veterans or widows. Confederate veterans were not eligible for Federal pensions because they had fought for another country, the Confederate States of America (CSA), which no longer existed. In the decades following the war, the various state governments of the former CSA stepped in to provide pensions for those who had served their states by serving the Confederacy. Of course, no state outside of the Southern states provided pensions for Confederate veterans.

“Through a mutual agreement of reciprocity among the states, pensions were granted from the state of current residence rather than the state of service. Most states had regulations that linked length of residence to eligibility. Applications for the veterans could include such information as the veteran's name, current address and length of residence, birth date and place, regiment and company with dates of service, statement or proof of disability or indigency, and information on employment, financial status and dependent children. Widows' applications could include much of the same information, as well as marriage date and place, and death date and place of the veteran. Also included in the applications may be witness or physician statements. Some of these applications may have been indexed. Some of these indexes provide a great deal of information to aid in identifying the veteran; others provide only name and application number. Copies of some states' pension applications, and/or indexes to the pensions are available at the Historical Genealogy Department.”

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 Eaton Hawkins (1750 - 1812) & Catherine Boling
- John Daniels Hawkins (1822 -) & Nancy Bills

-----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. 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.
- 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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