

HAWKINS WORLDWIDE DNA Project

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The counter on our web site has passed 3775 since its inauguration in August of last year, and the hits are increasing as we grow. We have to date identified 18 distinct Hawkins lines. Following is the end of November participation results:

- Participants.....36
- DNA results received.....33
- Test results pending..... 03

Testing costs with U.S. companies are falling for non-residents. With the dollar falling in value as related to other currencies, the cost to interested Hawkins in the U.K., Australia, N.Z., etc. has come down considerably in the past six months. Hopefully this will provide some additional encouragement to those in other parts of the world to join our project. After all, it is the Hawkins WORLDWIDE project.

Example from the Brewer Project:

“About a year ago I asked my brother-in-law for a DNA sample to start a Brewer surname study. I was tired of looking for my wife's g-g-grandfather, an unnamed BREWER from NY City, born ca 1825. I've been patiently looking, using traditional genealogy but it was time for the big guns. There were a lot of BREWERS in NY so I decided DNA was my only option.

“Another Brewer researcher had already sent a sample to FTDNA so we had two participants right at the start. I also asked Bennett or Max at FTDNA if they could host a simple web site for our Brewer project. Everybody agreed, so we were off and running.

“With incredible good luck our third and fourth results matched. At first it was 12/12, then 25/25, and finally 36/37. Right at the start, two BREWER's who didn't know each other found a common ancestor in NC about 1790 - 1800. That didn't help me find my wife's ancestor in NY ca 1825 -- but I'm patient. Our test showed that DNA could supplement traditional research and break down brick walls.

“Then with only 6 participants completed we had our third match. His migration path also pointed to NC in 1790. And his DNA matched the first two. We couldn't believe our good luck. With 6 participants having results we had three that matched.”

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 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.

To join the project HAWKINS go to http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.asp?code=Z47192, where you will receive a discount to the regular test price.

-----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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