



HAWKINS WORLDWIDE DNA Project

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Congratulations to participant Gene Hawkins who celebrated his 102nd birthday on 29 March. I forwarded our email congratulations, with 46 of your best wishes, sent from all over the US, Australia, New Zealand, and the UK. Thanks to everyone that sent their congratulations. Pictures of Gene are when he graduated from Westminster College in 1922, at his desk (Lion Oil Company) in El Dorado, AR in 1947, and with his daughter Carolyn on his 100th birthday in 2003. Gene was born and lives in Texas.



It was not a good month at my house for the first three weeks of the month. I spent all that time attempting to correct computer problems. Finally, which I should have done on day three, I reformatted one of the hard drives. I had backed everything up, but ran into problems reinstalling my address book and email files. Working with Microsoft, we were unable to reinstall them.

So – I lost your email address, and all my project email files were lost. If you are viewing this newsletter (on one of the Hawkins at rootsweb.com sites) and do not see the pictures of Gene, then I lost your email. Please resend with a request to be placed back on the mail list.

Participants – if you have correspondence in your files please send me a copy.

This newsletter (with pictures) is posted to our website, where the past six issues are maintained. To view go to <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/index.html#Newsletter>.

This month participant # 34449 has joined our project to become our 39th member. Who out there is going to be # 40? Family Tree DNA has, or will soon have over 35,000 participants. Add to that the other testing programs and the genealogy DNA numbers are increasing rapidly.

From the latest *Facts & Genes from Family Tree DNA*: A Surname Project is a very valuable tool for family history research. ... DNA testing has a wide range of applications, from additional information to use in conjunction with the paper records for interpretation, to clues to find the ancestral homeland...

Our surname is a very important part of us, and DNA testing tells us about this surname. For example, did one man take on the surname, and all the descendents today are related, except for descendents of an informal adoption, and descendents of an illegitimate birth?

With DNA testing, we might also discover previously unknown variants. This could be very helpful for research, especially when records can't be found, and later it is discovered that the records are actually there, but recorded with a

previously unknown variant.

By participating in a Y DNA Project, or sponsoring a participant if you are female, you are making a significant contribution to the knowledge about your surname. Even when your tree ends, you can still discover information about your origin.

Poll: I would like to create a county/shire list/map of where your oldest known Hawkins ancestor originated from in the UK. I would like input from everyone, now in the UK, the US, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, etc. [e. g. Jeffery Hawkins m. Dorothy Mattock, 1662, All Saints, Nortan Bavant, Wiltshire][or John b., or James d., etc]

Poll: Also I would like to plot all the Hawkins Quakers (the first known one in your line) wherever they were. [e. g. Jeffery & Dorothy with Penn on the *Welcome*, 1682. Falls MM in PA, etc.]

I would greatly appreciate your participation in these two requests. I'll make a report in the next letter.

Contributions can now be made to the General Fund of a Surname Project "in memory of" or "in honor of" a specific person. On the page where you can make a donation, you can enter a person's name.

Surname Projects have a General Fund, which is a terrific tool for others to contribute to the cost of testing, so that the Surname Project can sponsor all or a portion of the cost of a DNA test for those who cannot afford to participate. Anyone can contribute to the General Fund, which is administered by the Group Administrator. The funds are contributed directly to Family Tree DNA. Upon receipt, these funds are posted to the Surname Projects General Fund.

The Group Administrator has a selection on their Group Administrator Page called General Fund. Clicking on this selection will show all the transactions for the General Fund for the Surname Project. The transactions shown will be funds received by Family Tree DNA for the Surname Project General Fund and fund expenditures. Family Tree DNA accepts funds by check, credit card or PayPal. (Checks must be in US Dollars only. PayPal transactions must be to info@familytreeDNA.com, and specify XYZ Surname General Fund.)

The counter on our web site has passed 4700 since its inauguration in August of 2003. We have to date identified 19 distinct Hawkins lines.

I have some additional objectives that I would like to institute, but will save them for the next letter. What would you like to see happen?

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.

You can find the last six issues of our newsletter at:
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/#Newsletter>.

22-24 Apr 2005 at Weesache, Texas in the Pavillion (near Goliad)

Hi Phil, just want to let all know that our annual Hawkins reunion is coming up on April 22-24, 2005 in the Weesache, Texas Pavillion. That is next to Goliad for those who don't know. We are descendants of Andrew Jackson Hawkins (A.J.)/Eliza Thorne. Andrew was born in De Kalb, Georgia, and Eliza's family came from N.C. (as did Andrew's father). Children of Andrew and Eliza were: David T., Eliza P., Irene, Pearl, Rose Lee, and Wm. Andrew Allen Hawkins. We are mainly from the Wm. Andrew Allen Hawkins/Iva Beatrice Reaves line. But we have a few of David T.'s line in attendance also. There were 22 siblings in the Wm. A.A. line. I am from that line. More info please contact me at sfhas48@aol.com or 210-3379253 in San Antonio, Texas. Thank You, Shirley Hawkins

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

- "R1b (most of the Hawkins lines) is just too common to settle for a 12 marker test. You'd do well to start with the 25 (or 37) marker test and save time and (a little) money."

- Testing costs with U.S. companies have fallen for non-US residents. With the dollar having fallen 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 year. 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, and NOW seems a good time.
- 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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Administrator (No remuneration received for this endeavor.)

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