



HAWKINS WORLDWIDE DNA Project
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If you are not receiving this newsletter with pictures, then I do not have you on the mailing list. 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>.

The picture right: “Dear Phil, Only a snippet of no great antiquity I'm afraid, but here is a photograph of my grandfather Percy Ingleby Hawkins and his family (at their Finchley [London] home, I think), in 1900.

“Standing: Percy Ingleby and his eldest living son Harold (the first born died of diphtheria some years earlier). Seated: his wife Mary Rebecca with the then baby, Bernard. Kneeling, Leo Hawkins (3rd living son) and Geoffrey Hawkins (2nd living son).

“Sadly, both Harold and Leo were killed in France during the first world war. Mary Rebecca (always called Polly) and Percy married in 1884 at St James Church Muswell Hill (near their Finchley home.... Percy died in 1922 and Mary died in 1950: a long widowhood.



Though we do not have nearly enough participants the numbers are beginning to talk to us. We received the results of four individuals during the month. Two were immediately assigned to existing identified lines. A third found that he did not belong to the group that he had believed he belonged in, but he did fit into an existing group that is now helping him with his documentation. We have received a report on 12 of the 25 markers to be tested on the fourth participant and those 12 markers are an exact match with a previously unmatched participant. Assuming the additional 13 match at least 23 of the 25 to be tested, we shall have initiated Hawkins Family Group-07. Also I have been advised that a Hawkins that is taking part in the new National Geographic Genographic Project has also become a member of our project.

We now have 44 participants in our project. That isn't nearly enough. If you have been thinking about joining with us, please do so now. We really do need you.

If you have good paper documentation that you are sure of, then maybe you do not need us. But again, we do need you. There are participants that do not know who their recent ancestors are, and some are kin to you. They cannot find a link until you or one of your cousins join with us. I was positive of my line (well pretty positive), but I wanted to know for sure. Are you really sure of yours?

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. Please give some serious thought as to how you can contribute to this meaningful project.

The counter on our web site has passed 5,100 since its inauguration in August of 2003. We have to date identified 19 distinct Hawkins lines.

Family Tree DNA now has more that 1,700 surname projects running with more that 32,000 records now in their database.

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.

After last month's reports on DNA news articles, I have been super conscious to anything about DNA in the newspapers. It seems that the articles are becoming quite common. The May 2nd issue of the Wall Street Journal had a multi column story on the long friendship of billionaire investor Warren Buffett and singer Jimmy Buffett. They have no knowledge of any relationship to each other. A headline starts off the article with, "Mogul, Singer Feel Like Family But May Have DNA Tests To Be Sure of Connection." They have had a close relationship for more than 20 years.

More on the Genographic Project: "The National Geographic Society and IBM, with support from the Waitt Family Foundation, launched on April 13, 2005, a groundbreaking research initiative that will trace the migratory history of the human species.

"The Genographic Project is a real time effort to map how humankind populated the earth. It is a five-year research partnership between National Geographic and IBM with support from the Waitt Family Foundation, and public participation through Family Tree DNA. The resulting public database will house one of the largest collections of human population genetic information ever assembled and will serve as an unprecedented resource for geneticists, historians and anthropologists.

You can participate in the Geneographic Project and our Hawkins Project at the same time using the same sample kit

From the Family Tree DNA *May Facts & Genes* Newsletter (Link to subscribe to *Facts & Genes*: <http://www.familytreeDNA.com/fgregister.asp>).

"Following is a good review to help you in choosing "Y DNA: How Many Markers to Order?"

"After deciding to take a Y DNA test, the next decision is how many Markers to test.

"Three(3) Y DNA tests are available: 12 Markers called Y-DNA12, 25 Markers called Y-DNA25, and 37 Markers called Y-DNA37.

“The decision regarding how many Markers to test is a budget consideration. More Markers will provide more information when comparing your results to others whom you match or are a close match. More Markers will also shorten the estimated time frame to the common ancestor with those whom you match or are a close match.

“There is always a possibility that you will be the first person to test with your Y DNA result, and therefore you wouldn't have any matches until others test in the future.

”Family Tree DNA provides the flexibility to initially start with 12 Markers or 25 Markers, and then later upgrade your test to 25 Markers or 37 Markers. Starting with 12 Markers and later upgrading is an excellent approach for those on a budget.

“Once you have taken a 12 Marker or 25 Marker Y DNA test, you can upgrade at any time, by clicking Order Tests on your Personal Page. Testing with Family Tree DNA includes 25 years of storage for your sample, so a new test kit is not required.

“If you have several elderly males in your family tree, or only a few males, you can start now with the 12 Marker test, so their sample is preserved, and to make sure you get a sample before it is too late. You can later upgrade their test result to 25 or 37 Markers.

“ There is a small cost savings to order 37 Markers or 25 Markers initially. When the budget exists, starting with the 37 Marker test is the most cost effective approach.

“For those that are in the largest population group of Europe, called Haplogroup R1b [**most Hawkins are in this group**], 37 Markers are recommended. If you haven't taken a Y DNA test yet, you wouldn't know your Haplogroup. If you look at the Surname Project web site for your surname, and quite a few of the results are Haplogroup R1b, you might consider that you might also be R1b, and therefore it will be more cost effective to initially order the 37 Marker test, instead of a 12 Marker test and upgrading later.

“The Markers in our tests were specifically chosen for their attributes. The markers mutate at different rates, ranging from slow to fast. This mix of Markers was carefully selected to provide maximum information.

“The 37 Marker test will provide the most information, and is the most cost effective. When the budget permits, we recommend starting with the 37 Marker test.

“The result from a Y DNA test is a string of numbers: STR's are measured on the Y-chromosome as different number of repeat units. If, for instance, a marker has GATA as the repeat unit, and a specific marker has the value of 12, it means that it has 12 repeats of the GATA unit. The Markers tested are in the section of the Y chromosome that is passed from father to son, typically unchanged. Since mutations in the allele value occur very slowly with time, one should see the same allele value for a male and his great-grandfather for example. Your result will match or be a close match to others to whom you are related and have a common ancestor. Since others will have the same test result, the Y DNA test result does not provide any information unique to you.

“Taking a Y DNA test is a very interesting experience, and the results can help you with your genealogy research, and contribute to the knowledge about your surname.”

Also from the May *Facts & Genes*: On your Personal Page, click on Setup Preferences.

On your Setup Preferences Page, you can set your search preferences, matching preferences, and provide information for both your most distant known direct male ancestor and your most distant known direct female ancestor.

You can set or modify your preferences at any time by clicking on the Setup Preferences tab on your Personal Page.

Check out this map site: <http://worldatlas.com/aatlas/world.htm>

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“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.” If you feel that you can afford only the 12-marker test at the current time, you can use it to confirm a non-relationship and to insure that a sample has been preserved. As the sample is maintained for 20 years, you could at a later time have additional markers tested.

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.

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 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. Please email me any questions that you might have.

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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