



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) will be posted to our website, where the past six issues are maintained.



I thought the above was a really neat picture. It is the family of Marsha Hawkins Moses, our Group-01 Coordinator, at the wedding of her daughter in 2003. Which one is Marsha? If you do not know, watch for her picture on our Family Pages site that I shall be posting soon.

Pictured right is Mollie Margaret (Settoon) & John F. Hawkins in Nov 1904. John was born in Meridian, MS in 1872, and died in New Orleans, LA in 1925. Their children were Ward Settoon, Ralph Acey, and William Claiborne.

I really got behind, being gone for the holidays, but busy is better than bored. I actually said No to a request to serve on another board (No is very difficult for me, because I very strongly believe that if we participate in something we have a responsibility to contribute to its success.).

All the past year I talked about our lack of rain, and guess what? Correct, for January we are about an inch above the normal with 3.7" at my house. No, I have not heard anyone complaining.

With all the DNA articles in the media, we are certainly sensing a growing interest in our project, and as our numbers have grown, we are experiencing an increased intensity within the eight family groups that have been established to date. We are having some good success stories.



We now have 63 participants in our project. We have to date formed eight Family groups, and identified 29 distinct Hawkins lines.

Family Tree DNA now has 2742 surname projects running with more than 53,350 records now in their database. To join our HAWKINS project go to http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.asp?code=747192 where you will receive our group discount price.

I hope that everyone has read ***DNA Testing: In Our Blood***. "It is connecting lost cousins and giving families surprising glimpses into their pasts. Now scientists are using it to answer the oldest question of all: where did we come from?" The article by Claudia Kalb, is in the February 6th *Newsweek*. You can read it at <http://msnbc.msn.com/id/11080815/site/newsweek/>. It is very well written.

It seems that maybe we now have enough numbers in the project that as new participants enter they will probably be matched with current project members. It is disappointing to have to wait for a match when we are so anxious to find new cousins. Hey cousins, descendants of Jeffery & Dorothy (Mattock) Hawkins, identify and prove yourselves (please)!

Looking at testing, I recommend the Y-DNA25 test (if you can afford the Y-DNA 37, do it). If you feel that you cannot afford that test, then go ahead with the Y-DNA12. It will tell you who you are NOT related with, will point to probably/maybe relationships, your DNA will be in the bank at the University of Arizona for the following 25 years, and using the bank you can upgrade at any time to the Y-DNA25, or 37. The Y-DNA37 is the most positive test, and it provides more information in filling in branches of the tree. Eventually you will want to upgrade to the 37.

Still looking for coordinators for some of the established family groups. Coordinators are needed to guide sharing between group participants, and in using that shared information to determine where the best research opportunities might lie. We want to see each participant connected to a single tree from the group's MRCA (most recent common ancestor).

During the month I have been able to move some of our "unmatched" participants into family groups, and added a number of new family pictures on our Family Pages site. I have additional pictures to post, and hope to get all up to snuff this week.

What would you like to see in the next issue of our newsletter?

I would like to add a search engine to the sight. Any recommendations/suggestions on the how/where to do that?

Participants: If you have not already furnished me with your State of birth, please do so, in order that I may add it to the tables in the Family Pages site.

Participants: Please start using your ID # when communicating with me. We have enough James, Johns, etc., that I am sometimes finding it a bit difficult to recognize which James or John you are.

Questions? Contact me at phil_hawkins@sbcglobal.net.

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If you maintain a web site with Hawkins information, please add a link to our Hawkins DNA Project.

If you know someone that would like to be on the Hawkins 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.



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.

Feel free to copy this letter to anyone that you feel would have an interest.

We did not have TV in 1941, but I didn't have any problems seeing the scenes from *The Lone Range*, *Sky King*, or *The Green Hornet* as they were broadcast.

Phil Hawkins 31 January 2006 Administrator (No remuneration received)