



HAWKINS WORLDWIDE DNA Project
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This newsletter (with pictures) will be posted to our website, where past issues are maintained.



<<< Which one was Marsha Hawkins Moses (question from last month)?

Participant #51086's father and grandfather, Roby & Tom Hawkins, North Carolina in 1943.

The March 2006 issue of *National Geographic* has a very good and easy to read article on how they are using the mutations of Y-DNA and mtDNA in their project of tracing the migration patterns of our ancestors. If you do not subscribe to the magazine, I am sure your local library does.



The basic thesis of the article is that .1 percent of our DNA is responsible for our individual differences; 99.9 of it being exactly like everyone else's. The 99.9 percent is reshuffled with each birth when the father and mother's genes are combined, but the .1 percent preserves telltale variations that are passed on unchanged for many, many generations. Thankfully mutations do happen at a seemingly steady rate, and it is the mutating Y-chromosome and mtDNA values that are being tested and tabulated to highlight the paths out of Africa. It seems virtually certain now that about 50,000 to 70,000 years ago a small wavelet of humans traveled out of Africa to the shores of western Asia, and all of us that are non-Africans share markers carried by those first emigrants, and they could have numbered only a thousand people. I believe you will find it interesting reading.

You can find out more about the National Geographic project at
<https://www3.nationalgeographic.com/genographic/index.html?fs=www3.nationalgeographic.com>

Participants: please use your participant # when communicating. We not only have same first names in the project, but also same first and middle names. When you sign as Phil (four of us now), I have to right click the message, select properties, and scroll to "from" <phil@aol.hmm.>. Then I have to go to the address book and compare the email address to come up with an "Ah-ha, that Phil." Hardly the end of the world, but it would save me some time if you signed "Phil #01234. 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.

We now have 67 participants in our project. We have to date formed eight Family groups, and identified 29 distinct Hawkins lines.

One of our new participants, # 50369, is a 12/12 match with Family Group-08. The results for the remaining 25 markers should be in soon, and we shall wait for them before moving him into that group. This family group traces their ancestry to Robert Hawkins, d. 1761 MD that married Ann Preble. Their tree with some good pictures can be seen at http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html#Group-08.

Family Tree DNA now has 2800 surname projects running with more than 55,000 Y-records now in their database. To join our HAWKINS project go to http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.asp?code=Z47192 where you will receive the group discount price.

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.

Help: 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).

Is there something that you would like to see added to the newsletter? I would like any unique pictures and stories that you think would be of interest.

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

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.

The newsletter is available in Word.doc or Adobe.pdf. Feel free to copy this letter to anyone that you feel would have an interest.



In 1826, on his land along the banks of Caesar Creek in Ohio, my ggg-grandfather Amos Hawkins built this large saddleback log home reminiscent of the homes in Cane Creek, SC, where he had earlier lived. It now resides in Pioneer Village, Warren County, Ohio. Front and back pictures taken in 2001.

Phil Hawkins 28 February 2006 Administrator (No remuneration received)