

# HAWKINS WORLDWIDE DNA Project

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E-mail received: Dear Mr Hawkins:

In response to your request for photographs, in your recent e-newsletter, I am attaching two items from my family history. These show Ephraim HAWKINS (b. 3 May 1787 in Aldesgate, London; d. 21 April 1877 in Camberwell, London) -- a tailor.

Susannah ("Hannah") WATTS Hawkins, his wife (b. 1 February 1786 in Frome, Dorset; d. 24 December 1784 in Camberwell, London)

It would have been relatively unusual for a couple to both live into their late 80s in the 18th Century, but longevity appears to be alive and well in my family.

Ephraim and Hannah are my GGG grandparents. They had 10 children, most of whom lived to be at least 60. One son died in childhood.

However, the remarkable part of the story was their eighth child, Mercy, who died of shock at the family's home in New Peckham, Surrey, England in 1842 at the age of 18 -- as a consequence of her first sight of a railway steam engine! This information was recorded in my grandmother's own handwritten notes from the 1890s, as told her by one of her own great aunts, who would certainly have been alive at the time.

Hannah WATTS Hawkins' family had come to London from Dorset when she was a child. She married Ephraim at St Mary's Newington on Christmas Day 1811.

I hope this may be of interest to someone. Ephraim and Hannah must literally have hundreds of descendants scattered across the globe, because I know of at least 125 myself in 6 countries, and I haven't even been able to track all of Ephraim and Hannah's grandchildren.

We believe that these photographs must have been taken in the 1850s, at about the same time as a photograph of one of my other GGG-grandfathers, James RICHARDSON, who fought at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805. The two families were very close. James RICHARDSON had married Hannah WATTS' sister, Ann WATTS Richardson, and there were two inter-cousin marriages between the two families. (Ahh for those fine old days when such relationships were considered perfectly reasonable! Maybe it accounts for the family longevity!)

Sincerely, Mike Scott

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If you have a Hawkins picture that you think others would be interested in seeing, especially if it has a story to go with it, please email me a copy.

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The following is an update on Hawkins Family Group-04 (Jeffery & Dorothy), [http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree\\_g-1.html#Group-04](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html#Group-04), that we have been discussing. It is instructive to everyone in how DNA can be used in family history.

As you recall, the current group of five, previously four were working to determine two facts. First, what is the probable value of the marker #439 for James II, 1715-1793, the father of two lines, with one line (undetermined) showing a double mutation at 439. And second, where does the fourth member that traces his line through the South to SC in the early 1800s, connect with the North group that were there until about 1807 before migrating on to Oh and IN? This past month participant five, another South Hawkins, was added. He also traces his line to SC (but it is different than number four from SC that continues to CA).

Concerning the markers, four of the five (two Yankees and two Confederates) are perfect matches, with the remaining Yankee having a double mutation difference at marker 439. Since the connection point of the two latest participants has not yet been determined we are yet in question as to which line the mutation has occurred in. If they connect with my John, 1744-1816, or later (placing the four of us that are perfect matches in the same branch) we have not yet resolved the value of 439 in John's father James II. However, if we connect them to another brother of John and Benjamin (the participant that has the different 439 value is in the line from Benjamin), then the preponderance of two of three brothers would indicate the correct value for the father, James II, (and likely the immigrant Jeffery). Again, (while we are working out the connection of the Southerners) a participant from a line of one of the other five brothers would also indicate the likely historical value of 439.

I am in contact with a descendent of Isaac, a brother of John and Benjamin. His branch went from SC to AR. Hopefully he will join our project and provide the probable solution to the mystery of, "who is our mutant?" Does anyone have a copy of the will of Isaac Hawkins, b. before 1746, m. Margaret Kenworthy, d. 1816 in Union County, SC? Executors were his son Jonathan and son-in-law Isaac Gregory. I would greatly like to be copied (also any Isaac Hawkins will anywhere in SC at this time).

A group of us (the Confederate lines and myself) are working diligently to correctly identify the connections that are traceable to SC in the early 1800s (? and NC ?).

With that in mind, I am attempting to identify all Hawkins that were in Union County, SC from 1800 through 1875. If you have Hawkins ancestors that were there in that time frame please provide me with an FTW or GED outline descendent file for your line. As I am able to link some of these families I'll post to the Rootsweb site listed below.

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Do you monitor the Hawkins List at RootsWeb? It is a mailing list for people who are interested in any or all aspects of Hawkins genealogy, anywhere in the world. Try it. There is a lot of Hawkins family information traded there. Questions are posted by anyone, and answers are provided as available. It's very simple.

To subscribe (free), just send an e-mail to [ROOTS-L-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:ROOTS-L-request@rootsweb.com) with the message subscribe.

To unsubscribe (not everyone chooses to stay), send to that same address the message unsubscribe.

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As the project continues to grow, I am finding it more and more difficult to keep up. We need Group Coordinators for Groups - 02, 03, 04, 06, 07, 09, 11, 12, and additional family groups as they are found. You do not need to be a project participant to be a coordinator - just a deep commitment to discover more about your Hawkins line.

I would also like to see the family groups develop their own web pages as an extension to what we are currently placing on the Project's Family Page. Maybe an individual within each of the groups might volunteer to do this, or maybe there is a friend that would do it for you. We could then provide a link from ours to yours' for additional information.

Anyone, if you have a site that has information on someone in our family groups, we would be happy to post a link from our family group to your information (please provide us the link directly to that information).

What can you tell me about search engines (good / bad)? I want to add one in November.

What else can we do to make all of this better???

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We added one participant this month making 88 of us. Eleven (11) Family groups have been formed and are sharing knowledge. To date 37 distinct Hawkins lines have been identified. With so many distinct lines it is no wonder that so many of us run into those brick walls. Thank goodness that we now have the DNA tool to help find our way out of the maze and onto the correct path. Hopefully most of the new participants will be falling into one of our established family groups, or matching a previously unmatched participant to form a new family group.

One thing we can say for sure. Some of the participants have benefited **greatly** from the results of participating. Some of those closed doors have been blown off their hinges, and as each month goes by we see more of those brick walls crumbling. For those that are not matched yet, it is just a matter of time until they see a green light. It is truly exciting when it's you that the door opens for.

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Family Tree DNA surname projects total 3,637, and they have more than 80,600 Y-records now in their database. To join our HAWKINS project go to [http://www.familytreedna.com/surname\\_join.asp?code=Z47192](http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.asp?code=Z47192) where you will receive the group discount price.

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All past newsletters with pictures have been added to our project web site at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/#Newsletter>.

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Questions? Contact me at [phil\\_hawkins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phil_hawkins@sbcglobal.net).

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The following message was received in October from Family Tree DNA [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com).

To Hawkins group manager,

Family Tree DNA is pleased to announce that Advanced DNA tests from DNA-Fingerprint are now available to Family Tree DNA customers!

Customers can now order individual markers or panels for the Y-chromosome (male only), X-chromosome, and autosomal DNA. These tests can be used to broaden the possibilities for complex kinship testing (ex. sister sibship test). A database for comparisons is currently being developed.

The CODIS autosomal markers are also available in this section as well.

Participants will now see two options when they go to the "Order Tests" section on their personal page. The "Standard" option will offer the Y-DNA and mtDNA tests we have previously offered. For all of typical genealogy group members the Standard section is the one for them. The "Advanced" option will offer these new tests which leads into somewhat different areas.

An explanation is available for each panel of markers.

We are very excited to offer these new tests to our existing customers. In the next few days we will be offering these tests to individuals who may not have tested their DNA prior, but for the next several days these test will only be available to existing FTDNA and DNA-Fingerprint clients.

DNA-Fingerprint customers can now give permission to transfer their data to Family Tree DNA to be included on their personal page in 1-2 months.

We appreciate choosing Family Tree DNA for your genetic genealogy needs, and are proud to continue to be at the forefront of genetic genealogy testing.

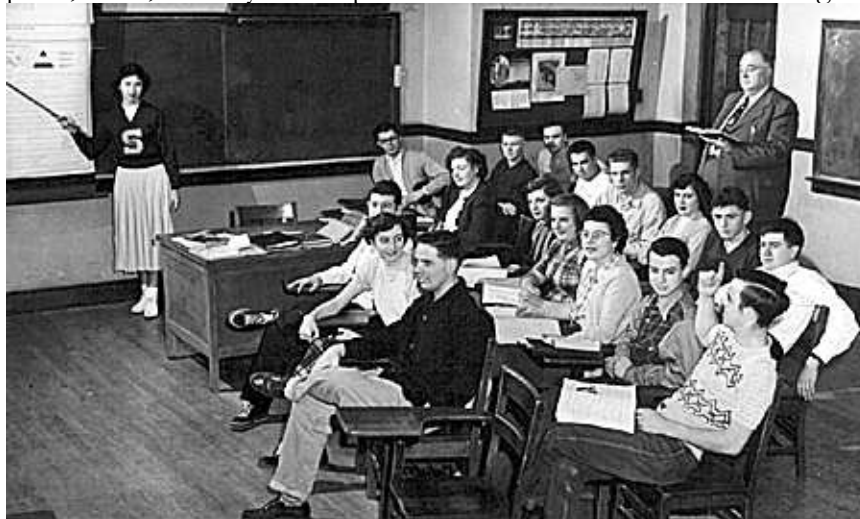
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If you maintain a web site with Hawkins information, please add a link to our Hawkins DNA Project.

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. Maybe you have the perfect paper records, but the mutations that occur in the separate lines need to be identified now for succeeding generations (and just maybe your paper records are not as solid as you assume).

The picture is the Sharpsville, Tipton County, Indiana High School senior class in the spring of 1951. My wife Sharon is in the back row, third from the right. I am setting to her right.

Phil Hawkins 31 October 2006 Administrator [No remuneration received]