

HAWKINS WORLDWIDE DNA Project
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Project site: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/>.

Family pages:
http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html
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Family Reunion details for family groups 01, 03, are listed in their respective paragraphs of this letter.

The following is from Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library, No. 53, July 31, 2008

The Foundation for Online Genealogy continues to do very fine work developing the WeRelate.org website. With over two million names and associated data, it is the largest genealogy wiki on the Internet. Add to that the more than five million genealogy web pages that can be searched using a new search protocol, and this WeRelate website is a must visit. Visiting for the first time or visiting again, I believe you'll be pleased.

While we are talking about WeRelate.org, I must ask if you have thought about what will happen to your family history data in case of a natural disaster or other calamity. In the recent past, how often have we heard about wildfires, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and earthquakes? Among the first things people grieve after such horrible events is the loss of family history data, family heirlooms, and other memorabilia. Why not take advantage of the free archiving service provided by WeRelate? You can upload GEDCOM files to WeRelate, or you can simply create person or family pages on the site, where individual or family specific data can be keyed and digital data can be linked. In addition to creating a safe place from which you can access your family history data, you are also making it available to other researchers--preservation and accessibility!

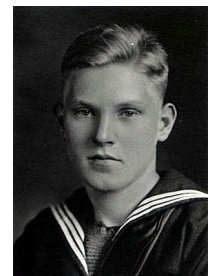
During the month of July we added no new participants to our Hawkins Y-DNA project, keeping the number of Y- participants to 118.

If you are a Hawkins male and have not yet joined our project, please - give it some serious consideration. The donation of your DNA for the benefit of your descendants might very well turn out to be one of the most generous things that you have ever done. Think 2099 A.D. Our Hawkins Project (with discounted prices) join site can be viewed at http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.aspx?code=Z47192&special=False.

My input for Hawkins Family Group-04 is a request for help from those in my line that feel they have a solid connection to their past. I think that you will find it pertains to all family historians.

Input from our Family Groups. The family pages are found at http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html.

If you belong to one of our coordinated groups (01, 03, 04, 05, 06, 08, or 10), please forward anything that you think would be of interest for our readers to your Coordinator. If you fall into one of the groups that we still need a coordinator for, then mail your print and pictures directly to me. This is your newsletter and we need your input. Try to keep it to a page, or a little more, each month (less is OK). If it is longer, consider breaking it into parts to run over two newsletters.



Paul Edgar Hawkins
Age 17 USN 1917
Family Grp-05

Hawkins Family Group-01 (Marsha Moses):



REUNION - Eva, AL - Saturday, August 23, 2008

The descendents of John Thomas Hawkins (his sons William, Joseph, Charles Martin) Reunion is at Etha Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, in Eva AL on Saturday August 23, 2008. Gather in at 9:30am-10:00am CST.

You may contact ' Inez Barnett ' at <vib3804@att.net> . Phone number for directions 1-256-739-0884.



John Hawkins married Nancy A. West March 8, 1854. He later married Sarah A. Dobson On October 13, 1857 and lived in Carroll County GA. In the later part of 1870 he married Millicent A. Martin and the last place he lived was Cullman AL. He died October 9, 1899, buried in the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church Cemetery near Hulaco, AL.

William F. & Joseph T. Hawkins, sons of John Thomas Hawkins, standing in the picture left.



??? Hawkins
... John Thomas Hawkins - 1899 in Cullman, AL

- ... + Nancy A. West m. 1854
- ... + Sarah A Dobson m. 1857
- Joseph Theodore Hawkins 1858 -
- Wm Ferdinand Hawkins 1859 -
- + Sarah D. Haynes
- Howard L. Hawkins
- Hawkins DNA participant #76532
- ... + Millicent A. Martin m. 1870
- Charles Martin Hawkins

John Thomas Hawkins is the relative that we have not found a confirmed link to his father. Through the DNA we do know that we are kin to the Hawkins' of group-01. If any of the Newsletter recipients or possible branches of our line could shed some light on our John Thomas Hawkins, it would be appreciated.

Hawkins Family Group-03 (Carol Phillips): Carol is in the process of moving, and I did not receive anything from others of her group.

Reunion
St . George Grange Hall
St. George, Maine

Saturday, August 30, 2008, Noon to 4 PM

- Bring something for the potluck lunch. Drinks will be provided.
 - There will be a Trash or Treasure table.
 - Don't forget an update on your family.

Contact is Don Hawkins, dk.carver@comcast.net.

This lines earliest known ancestors are John Hawkins c1747 - 18 Nov 1818 in Ratby, Leicester, England, & Ann _?_. 1755 - 23 Sep 1828 in Ratby, Leicester, England. See tree of DNA participant 76330 at http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html#76330.

Hawkins Family Group-04 (My, your editor's, family group): Earliest known ancestors are Jeffery and Dorothy (Mattock) Hawkins, emigrating from Wilts, England in 1682 to Bucks Co., PA.

I truly need some help from you in our Hawkins line and I am asking that you step forward. I have talked about mutations before, and we are fortunate in that our mutations occur in only two of the allele that we test for. The major one that I am concerned about determining the majority value is named DYS 439. If you look at the table, http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html#Group-04, in the 439 column you will see that two of us have 12 repeats of the marker, one has 13 repeats, and four have 14.

Normally you might conclude that 14 is the most likely value of our James II, c1715-1793, based upon it being the preponderant value. But, other than our four participants with that value, no Hawkins in the entire Hawkins Project of more than 50 unrelated lines tests for that 14 value. With it being such an unusual value, I hesitate to accept it as the most likely common value for our line. My DYS 439 is 14. Has it passed down my line from James II's son John to me, or has there been a mutation somewhere along the way?

Two of our participants are descendents of James II's son James. One tests for the 13 value, and one tests at a 12 value. Obviously there is a mutation of DYS 439 some where along their part of our line.

The second participant with a 12 value is a descendent of James II's son Benjamin. As one of the participants descending from James II's son James also tests at 12 (previous paragraph), there is an indication that the line of the son James with the 13 value is likely not the common value.

We have no participants from the lines of the other sons of our James II & Martha (Holloway). These are the lines of Isaac & Margaret (Kenworthy), Jonathan & ?, Amos & Ann (Comer), and William & ?. It is critical that we add participant from these lines to help us establish the likely values that were passed on by our common ancestor James II.

I am asking for you to step forward, to make a donation to our project, to help your cousins. We are very fortunate in our line being Quaker that most of us know who we are back to our Jeffery, born c 1633. And, we seem to have very consistent values other than at DYS 439.

We all make donations; in money and in actions, through out our life. Those of you that know your line, we need you to help us. The Y-12 test will help with our immediate questions - it is but a small amount of money, but it would be of a huge value to the project.

From each line in a family group, at least two participants are needed. 'Non-paternity events' (adoption, infidelity etc.) occurs at about 2-5% every generation, so having two or more participants per line is vital to ensure that the correct haplotype is obtained for that particular line. Also, as a general rule, the further back the suspected ancestor, the more participants are required.

Finally, if you are a descendent of Isaac, Jonathan, Amos, or William, and cannot at this time afford testing, I offer to personally pay for your Y-12 test. We really, really, really, need you.

Hawkins Family Group-05 (Coordinator Jean Bornefeld): Melungeon settlers in the Upper East TN/SW VA/Western NC.

In an attempt to identify an avenue of research in a very difficult time and place to work, I have sent in my DNA for the autosomal test. This test is not sex specific. It better assesses admixture and the overall pattern of ethnicity. Autosomal tests sample markers scattered across a person's entire genome. Autosomal profiles are unique genetic signatures. I have southern Asian DNA and probably northern as well. This is through the wife of my many greats grandfather, Aaron Hawkins, son of Matthew, son of Nathan, son of Rebecca, son of Matthew, son of John, the mariner. Elizabeth Hirschman gave a wonderful presentation at the Melungeon Twelfth Union this past June at Lincoln Memorial University, in Harrogate, TN. It was this presentation that sparked my interest in having my dna

tested. The first test I had done was on a direct female descendant of Aaron Hawkins' wife, Elizabeth A. Madox. This test turned up what was referred to as part of the exotic mix of the Melungeon people, U2 Siddi. These tests have come a long way in being more specific since I had had this first test done. I have not been able to continue her line because I haven't been able to find any evidence about her Madox family. This is not surprising due to her ancestry and the time and place in which she lived.

More and more information is coming forward and I am hoping to eventually be able to find what I am looking for. Part of Elizabeth Hirschman's conclusions come from her extensive knowledge of this group of people who lived very early in Upper East TN/SW VA/ Western NC - where these states are today. Most people think these people to have been Scot/Irish, but maybe that has been a hasty conclusion. It is looking more and more that they had darker coloring of their skin, hair and eyes, though some had/have striking blue eyes. They most likely had exotic-looking facial features, which set them apart from the dominant culture. This could have easily stigmatized them as colored, foreign, non-white. This presents a huge challenge in finding any records of them. Then we add Mr. Plecker to the challenge, and we have an almost impossible task to find them. Mr. Plecker, for those who are not familiar with his activities, had a life mission to destroy any and all records of anyone he, in his own mind, decided was not white enough. He and a gentleman, Adolf Hitler, shared the same goals in life and corresponded and shared their ambitions with one another.

Elizabeth Hirschman, in her summation of her presentation, based on the results of many DNA studies, says, that many of those original Melungeons were not Christian. That Native Americans, and some Africans would have had animistic beliefs (seasonal deities, moon, animals, etc.), That those of Arab descent would contain Muslim inspirations, and think Hindu and so on. This tri-corner area in Colonial America was multi ethnic and multi religious, and that greater recognition of the contributions to our current culture is overdue.

I am truly hoping for a little clue about Elizabeth A. Madox, wife of my ancestor, Aaron Hawkins. Each child receives half of his DNA from his father and half from his mother. That does not mean each child receives the same half, so if there are siblings, it might be interesting and give a more complete picture of ancestry for all of them to be tested. I have toyed with that idea.

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If you maintain a web site with Hawkins information, please add a link to our Hawkins DNA Project. If you maintain a website that relates to any of our Hawkins DNA lines, please advise, and I'll list it on our site.

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).

If you have tested with someone other than Family Tree DNA please contact me about also participating in our Hawkins Project.



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