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Family pages:

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html

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Fly Your Flag - Join the Hawkins Worldwide DNA Project!

The body politick is busy, busy at fixing the world problems again. It would seem they never have a clue as to who causes the problems. This time they are going to fix the deficit for us, excuse me, our deficit. I never read about anything that they are going to do for us that I don't think about the story of building a camel. LORD, help us! Now to DNA.

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There are some good articles on DNA in the January *Scientific American*, a special issue on "Evolution at Work." Very informative is "Testing Natural Selection," starting on page 44. You do not have to be a scientist to understand it.

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"What happens to the Donors DNA in a blood transfusion?" A subscriber to *Scientific American* magazine posited this question in the February issue, page 84. Michelle N. Gaul, an assistant Professor at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, explained that donor DNA in transfusions will last for a while, but it's presence is unlikely to last. Red blood cells, the main component in a transfusion have no DNA. However, the transfusion does contain a significant amount of DNA in white blood cells. Investigators have found donor DNA after transfusions, for up to seven days, but its presence is unlikely to alter genetic tests. Donor leukocytes (white blood cells) have shown up after a year and a half, when using very sensitive techniques.

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Jeanne Bornefeld please contact me with your new email.

Participant Scott Dwayne Hawkins, please contact me with your new email.

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The post card right was in a scrap book of my mother's. Note that it is dated 09. We visit county courthouses when we are driving. We have pictures from WV to AZ. All the courthouses in IN, and almost all of TX & NM.

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Is there a "paternity event" in your family, or are you apprehensive that one might be turned up if you were to join our project? Certainly I wondered, and they *do* occasionally show up. Statistics indicate that about 4% of individuals tested will not match their surnamed cousins. Things happen. Personally I wanted to know if something had happened in the past that matched me to the Murphy's or the "who-ever's". It wouldn't change the fact that I was a Hawkins since the day my name was penned on, but still, I would want to know.



Paternal events were not at all uncommon, especially in the past. It happens all the time when one is orphaned. Especially in the past, many mothers died in childbirth, and in many cases a sister would take the baby to raise, giving it her married surname. There were numerous instances where both parents were killed and the children were taken in by neighbors and raised as their own.

The point is that if a paternity event occurred some where in our past, 1791 or 1526 or whenever, it does not change in any way that we are a Hawkins, and have been every since it was penned on us. No different than when first, in the 1300 - 1400's, everyone was required to choose a personal surname. A DNA test cannot change who we are. It only adds to our knowledge. Hey you can belong to two DNA projects.

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We have a real need for Family Group Leaders (formerly known as coordinators). Family Groups 09, 11, 14, 15, and 16 are adrift. Our Group 06 leader would like to be relieved. You do not have to be a participant to be a leader. The overriding quality for leadership of a DNA family group is a **strong** desire to gather, organize, and promote your Hawkins line. We now have 128 "Y" Participants. I can no longer properly promote each separate line (50, counting the unmatched individuals that will eventually find matches). You can help all of us. You will be given space in each of our newsletters to promote the history and participation in your family group's history.

There are 33 participants that have not yet been matched. If your history does not match any of our established Family Groups, maybe it is related to one of our unmatched participants. Take a look at their trees on our Families site starting at http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html#participants. I would like to establish Family Group Leaders for each of these trees also. Consider taking on this rewarding endeavor.

We need active, determined, Family Group Leaders at the head of each Hawkins line. If you are truly interested in promoting the family history of your Hawkins line, now is the time to take up the challenge.

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Video: The Mysteries of DNA

The Mormon Times web site has a new 16-minute video that explains DNA and its connection to genealogy. Scott R. Woodward, executive director of Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation, explains what DNA is, what it can teach us, what its weaknesses are and how it can be used to understand and track relationships between individuals and groups.

Woodward discusses the difference between the portions of DNA that are used to track groups and used to identify specific individuals. He explains the difference between using mitochondrial DNA, which tracks only the female line, and Y-Chromosome DNA, which tracks the male line.

The video is viewable at http://mormontimes.com/studies_doctrine/research_discoveries/?id=5363.

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

If your line is one of our coordinated groups (01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 10, 12, or 17) please forward anything that you think would be of interest for our readers to your Coordinator, marking it *For the Newsletter*. 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.

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Hawkins Family Group-01

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html#Group-01

Is it in the genes?

In honor of super bowl Sunday, Group #1 is sending football photos our father. The men in these football uniforms are very close DNA matches on 37 markers.

On the left is Benjamin Sherman Hawkins (1907-1985) taken in about 1924. He played football while attending Louisville Male High School in KY.

Right is James Marshall Hawkins, 1942 yearbook, at Huntington High School, WV.



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Hawkins Family Group-02

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html#Group-02

I took my DNA test with great enthusiasm. I was looking forward to connecting with a lot of other Hawkins members. Much to my surprise I was linked in a group with only a few members. All of the family info that I had read over the years was useless. When reading genealogies and books including “Pieces of the Puzzle, The Hawkins Family” you must remember that a lot of the material was based on assumptions. DNA is now showing us what is correct. We do know for certain that the earliest proven Hawkins in this line is William Hawkins of Orange Co., Va. He lived from 1721 until 1799. A large part of the family later moved to Franklin Co., Ky. and spread from there. There are a number of other Hawkins families from Orange Co., but their DNA is not a close match. As a group we need to find Orange Co. and Franklin Co. Hawkins descendants and encourage testing. Participant Bob Hawkins.

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Hawkins Family Group-03

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Does anyone have proof that Susannah, as listed by several trees on Ancestry, is the mother of Dennis Hawkins? According to those trees she was born 1777 in Virginia and died in Virginia.

Dennis Hawkins, born 1794 in Georgia, was consistent with the information he gave on the censuses and on the 1880 census he said his mother was born in South Carolina. Ancestry is good when you can find records but if someone puts up a tree with the wrong information, it seems everyone copy’s it into their tree leading to more wrong information on their trees. So, if the information I’m finding on Susannah being Dennis’ mother is correct, please show me the proof! Because right now I don’t see anything other than one tree that has been copied and recopied several times and I find no proof to back it up.

Thanks for your help, Carol Phillips

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

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You do not have to be a participant to send material for this family group. Old pictures, family stories, unanswered questions, brick walls, whatever would be of interest to our line, to your branch of the line, or information on a particular event that might have been an influencing factor in the history of an ancestor (s). If you send pictures please scan at 300 dpi, and furnish the who/when/where/why to the extent you can.

Could this be our Dorothy Mattock (m. Jeffery)? Info turned up by Martha Caulk.

FamilySearch (Mormon-Salt Lake) Dorythe Mattock, Christening 02 Jan 1641 Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England, Father: Stephen Mattock, Source Info: Batch # C152391, Dates 1564-1884, Source Call #: 1279342. [Copied from the Family History site 26 Jan 2009, Phillip A. Hawkins] The original records are in the Wiltshire County Record Office, Trowbridge.



The parish church in Sutton-Veny (one mile south of Norton Bavant) was St. Leonard's. It was replaced in 1868 due to subsidence. The current parish church is St. John The Evangelist. 26 Jan 2009. There are numerous pictures of each at http://www.oodwooc.co.uk/ph_SuttonVL.htm.

More on my belief that the widely circulated reporting (re daughters of Jeffery & Dorothy (Mattock) Hawkins) that Susanna baptized as Margaret in 1663, and Elizabeth baptized as Jane in 1668 is incorrect. As previously posted children in that timeframe were not given two names, and their baptized name would never be different than their legal recorded name.

Again, it is my feeling that this Elizabeth and Susanna were children of Jeffery's brother Roger and his wife Sarah. And, I keep asking myself if our James (m. Mary Elliott) isn't maybe also their son???

The following is from *The Welcome Claimants Proved, Disproved and Doubtful*, by George E. McCracken, page 222.

Issue: surname Hawkins:

- i. Roger..., ii. James..., Daniel..., iv. Jeffrey...,
- v. ? Elizabeth, m. William Darby (heir to Roger Hawkins, the elder ...) , who was dead by 1706. The question mark in front of this name is intended to express doubt as to whether this Elizabeth was a child of Jeffery Hawkins.
- vi. ? Susanna, m. John Collins, who was dead by 11 10th mo., 1691 has his widow. She sold property purchased from Jeffery Hawkins, the elder on 1 7th mo. , 1686. As in the case with Elizabeth, the doubt is as to whether we have correctly identified Susan as a child of Jeffery Hawkins.

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Hawkins Family Group-07

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Family group 7 is still looking for our "connection." Virginia seems to be the starting place for our Hawkins family but some went to North and South Carolina, some of mine stayed in Virginia and my direct ancestor went to Tennessee. Our third descendent was from Tennessee and ended up in Arkansas. Needless to say we have a "mystery family" that needs some more clues in order to solve the puzzle. Yet it is fun to have "cousins" with the same DNA trace. We will keep on digging.

I have discovered one of my Great Grandfathers brothers that I believed "lost." His name was Robert B. Hawkins. He married Mary B. Cook in Coffee Co., TN in 1873. Through a Cook researcher I was lead to Texas and there he was with his family in 1900 Census of Donley Co. TX. I lost him again in the 1910 Census but Mary and one their son's were in the home of a daughter. This group went from the Panhandle of Texas to the Red River area to the North Central area. I don't have my notes in front of me but if any Group 7 wants more information, I'll be happy to give it.

Sara Hawkins Powell - Group 7

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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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