

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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Fly Your Flag - Join the Hawkins Worldwide DNA Project!

My apologies for being so late this month. Another commitment had dictated an either too early or this very late newsletter. Most of it was put together earlier and I am hastening today to get it out. Hope I don't blow it. My wife has received her second chemo. The chemo has certainly slowed her down. Thankfully she has not been nauseous. No time at all to fix her hair now, just slip it on. I am learning all kinds of homemaking things - not fun.

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I have established a new web site for HAWKINS SURNAME - WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/wilts.html>. I want to record every sourced item on all the Hawkins in Wilts that can be found. Locating the information to a single site would make it immensely easier for all the Hawkins in the world to search for their Wiltshire roots. Please check it out. If you can provide some sourced information on your Hawkins please contact me.

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Family groups 09, 11, 14, 15, and 16 need a team leader. You do not have to be a participant to be a Group Leader, just a real desire find out more about your Hawkins line, and motivation to get others to help. Contact me.

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Have you noticed the following near the top of our Hawkins Family Group pages:

Related Participants Include The Following Surnames

Devin, Ferguson, French, Fulton, Gamblin, Glass, Harkins, Haskins, Hawkin, Hawkings, **HAWKINS**, Murray, and Otterson.

They are individual participants, with different surnames, but are descendents of a Hawkins male in one of our identified Hawkins lines. Some know how they connect (adoption, name change), and some are searching for the connection. It does point out that knowing who you are can get you onto the correct family history path.

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I see on the Family Tree DNA site that they have been recognized by the Better Business Bureau with their Awards for Excellence as a **2009 Winner of Distinction**. This customer service recognition is well deserved.

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Parish Registers were started in England in 1538. A law had been passed ordering the clergy to record baptisms, marriages and burials and early records were kept on parchment or paper. No records were kept before this date except a few monks recorded the events of prominent families. It was not however until 1598 that the records were required to be kept in books, and parishes were instructed to backdate them to 1538. Few did so, and few parishes have records that survive from 1538. A few of the earlier paper/parchment survivals are classed as BT's in the catalogue.

Bishops Transcripts By 1598 it had become the recognized practice for the incumbent to send to the Bishop a copy of the years' entries in the parish registers. These copies are known as Bishops Transcripts or BTs. Where they have survived they are useful, not only when the original registers have been lost, but even when they have survived, as the Bishops' Transcripts may provide different or additional information. As they are contemporary with the parish registers they present the same handwriting problems.

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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, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 10, or 12) please forward anything that you think would be of interest for our readers to your Group Leader, marking it *For the Newsletter*. If you fall into one of the groups that we still need a Group Leader 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-02 (Group Leader is Bob Hawkins, bobhawk507@sbcglobal.net)
(http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html#Group-02)

We continue to try and link our ancestors. Only William and Jehu Dyer have been linked in family records, but the exact relationship is unknown. Ancestors of other participants- Bluford, Burton, Noah, and Joseph Ferguson remain a mystery. We continue to hope for that DNA needle in a haystack. We have pretty much run dry on the paper trail, but new stuff appears occasionally. The pictures submitted a few months ago are a perfect example. Our earliest ancestor was from Orange Co., VA. A number of Hawkins headed to KY with the traveling church and fanned out from there.

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Hawkins Family Group-03 (Group Leader is Carol Phillips, cphillips420@yahoo.com) .

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html#Group-03

Most of time the family trees you find on Ancestry have been copied several time and added again to another family tree. This is where you will find the most mistakes. Look for a source for the information, such as 1900 census, pg. number, line number and other information. More than likely just showing the 1900 means it has been copied by someone else before. Always check to see if the sources are there. Ancestry does have a lot of good points too. They have several records on line which you need to purchase a subscription to. They have census records, marriage, death records, books, newspapers and etc.

Also, on the Internet, did you know many of the states have records online? Check those states out and see if any of your family are there.

Happy Hunting!

Carol

I just noticed I didn't add a description for the wedding of Dennis Hawkins and Elizabeth Campbell, his first wife. He later married Mary McDonald. Does anyone know what happened to Elizabeth? Dennis and Elizabeth's children remained with Dennis in all the census, so it is possible she died early.

Dennis Hawkins & Elizabeth Campbell

The State of Alabama)
Jefferson County) To any of the Judges of said State any Justice
of the peace of said County or other person legally authorized these
are to authorize you or other of you to solemnize the rites of
matrimony between Dennis Hawkins & Elizabeth Campbell
of said County agreeable to the statute in such case made and proved
Given at the office of the clerk of the county Court of said County
this 4th of January 1830
T. M. Payne clk. c. c.

I certify that on the 5th day of January 1830 I solemnized the rites of mat-
rimony between the parties in the above named license
Given under my hand and seal this 6th day of Janry 1830 John Brown
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Since this a little difficult to read I am transcribing it below

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

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html#Group-04

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.

Last month I listed the information that I had on Geoffrey Hawkins, buried Bishopstrow 1603/04. It is thought that he might be our Jeffery's grandfather, but nothing has been found to support that thought.

I am working at this problem by building a database on all the Hawkins in Wilts in the 16th & 17th centuries hoping that some kind of pattern for possible Hawkins lines can be developed. As a part of this I have started another project, see HAWKINS SURNAME - WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND at the front of this letter, to identify as many Hawkins in Wilts in the 1500s through the 1900s as possible.

During the past month I have identified our Joan Hampton Hawkins's second husband, following Geoffrey's death.

"Assignment of lease of land in Bishopstrow. Robert Hippisley and Joan his wife (late wife of Jeffrey Hawkins) to John Temple."

Source: Wiltshire and Swindon Archive Catalogue - Archive Information 132/3, 1613.

And from *Some Notes on the Hippisley Family*, A. E. Hippisley & I. FitzRoy Jones (Eds), Wessex Press 1952, page 25:Robert, bapt. 1583 Aug 11. In 1611 in a bond from his sister Dorothy he is described as 'of Bishopstrow, Wilts.' He married Joan dau. of John Hampton, of Urchfont, Wilts, a sister of his brother Ferdinand's wife. They had issue: Joane, who married [] Hawkins, and Dorothy. [Robert was a son of John Hippisley, of Ston Easton, & Dorothy Horner. His siblings were John, Ferdinando Thomas, Anthony, Morice, +]

Page 77:Ferdinando Hippisley, 2nd son was born between 1577 and 1579..... He seems to have been of a wild and roving disposition. Page 78: He married 1604 Oct 21 Elizabeth, dau of John Hampton, of Urchfont, Wilts, a sister of his brother Robert's wife. He had issue: John c1604, Ferdinando 1608, Charles, etc.

[All the data was indexed, but most of the reference numbers were not readable. Urchfont is northeast of Warminster, about half way to Swindon.]

1 John Hampton
..... 2 Johane/Joan Hampton
..... +Geoffrey Hawkins b: Bef. 1580 m: Bef. 1604 d: Abt. 27 Jan 1604 in probably,
Bishopstrow, Wiltshire, England
..... 3 ?Geoffrey? Hawkins II b: in England
..... 3 Elisabeth Hawkins
..... 3 Joan Hawkins
..... *2nd Husband of Johane/Joan Hampton:
..... +Robert Hippisley b: Abt. 11 Aug 1583 m: Aft. 1604 [Robt. early 20's ??]
..... 3 Joane Hippisley
..... +_?_ Hawkins
..... 3 Dorothy Hippisley
..... 2 Robert Hampton
..... 2 Elizabeth Hampton
..... +Ferdinando Hippisley

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Hawkins Family Group-07 (Group Leader is Sara Hawkins Powell, sara-powell@sbcglobal.net.)
(http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html#Group-07)

Still no connection with my DNA cousins but I will try to give some insight as to why I believe the Benjamin Hawkins' in Amelia and Prince Edward Counties of VA fit my family tree.

The first Ben in Amelia died interstate on July 19, 1745 and a Benjamin Baldwin made oath that he died without a Will.

The second Ben sued for B. Baldwin who was the administrator of the estate of the first Ben. The second Ben died in 1771 in Amelia/Prince Edward Co. leaving his wife, Mary as the administrator of his estate.

Now to number three of the Benjamin Hawkins' of Amelia/Prince Edward Cos VA. This one died in 1777 leaving a will that apparently was made on his death bed. He named his wife, Amey as the administrator and also named his "son-in-law" Owen Smith to take care of the land for his sons, the Hawkins boys (not named). Two boys Robert and William were placed in the care of two different gentlemen leaving the impression that they were not of age but were to be apprentices of these men.

Robert Hawkins who later moved to Sumner Co. TN with his second wife and their family died in 1840. His will stated that he had given all he intended to give to his children by his first wife, Elizabeth. Before he moved he sold property to his brother Benjamin - yes a fourth one. In the deed transaction it was stated that the land had been left to Robert by his father Benjamin.

I found this information in Amelia Court Books, Deed Transaction and the VA Genealogist.

Sara Hawkins Powell - Group 7

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Hawkins Participants that have not yet been matched. (33 distinct future Hawkins Groups.)
http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hawkinsdnaproject/tree_g-1.html#participants

If you are a participant in this group and would like to submit a story, picture, or questions please do so.



Can you identify with and help
Participant 14036 with his tree?

[Participant #14036 E-mail.](#)

William Hawkins, b. KY
.....2 Thomas Jefferson Hawkins, b. 30 Mar 1859 Webster Co. MS, d. Aug 1903
Webster Co., MS
.....3 William Joseph Hawkins, b. 29 May 1884 Webster Co., MS
..... + Lila Givens, b. 02 Jul 1889
.....4 James Edwin Hawkins, b. Cleveland MS
.....5 **Participant #14036**

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DNA testing is the most powerful tool ever to be available to genealogists. Genetic Genealogy is still in its infancy, and the majority of those researching their family history are not yet aware of this new tool and how DNA testing will assist them with their research.

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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 a link for 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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