

It is now over a year since the last Newsletter and I ask readers to forgive me for not updating them on the One Name Study during this time. I certainly have not done as much on the study as I would have liked this year. However, there has been quite a bit of work going on and I list below families we have been working on. If you have a connection with any of these families and have not been in touch for over a year please contact me and I will share what information I have with you. All I ask is if you find any errors or can add to what I have you have let me know.

## Families

**James and Jane Hagger** who had six children baptised at **Croydon cum Clopton in Cambridgeshire** between 1776 and 1792 - James, Richard, Jane, John, Richard and William. Most of the information we have concerns the family of John who married Bathsheba Peck in 1810 at Croydon. John and Bathsheba had eleven children. The only one we have very much information on is James, who was born about 1828 (baptised in Croydon) and married Dinah Lowing in 1848. Like many Hagers, James is shown as an Ag Lab in the 1861 census.

**John and Sarah Hagger**, according to the IGI, had four children baptised at **Stotfold in Herefordshire** between 1787 and 1793 - Elizabeth, George Scales, Sarah and William. We have been able to reconstruct the family of William, who according to the IGI, married Elizabeth Chalkley in 1814 at Norton in Hertfordshire. They had five children and we know George married Jane Grummitt in 1842, Frederick married Sophia Graves in 1842 and William married Sarah Wilshere in 1845; the other children were Alfred and Mary Ann. In the 1851 census, Alfred (24) is shown as a servant, William (26) and Frederick (32) both as farm labourers.

**John Hagger and Eliza Bradford** married in 1841 in the **Saffron Walden Registration District**. They went on to have nine children - Ann, who married Charles Unwin; Charles who married twice, the second time to Alice Toop; William who married Elizabeth Hollingsworth; Chas; John who married Maria Deason; Thomas who married Ruth; Alfred who married Pamela Tabersham; Frederick who married Emma Peer and Alice who married George Percival. Like many of the families in the study this one is still work in progress. This family was mainly based in **Great Chesterford in Essex** and as most parishes in Essex do not have their registers included in the IGI a visit to Chelmsford is necessary for most Essex families.



Mr. H. J. Hagger.

I continue to be fascinated by [Henry Joseph Hagger](#) and recently somebody kindly sent me this picture of him. You will find on Henry's page under Ancestors a fair bit about him and his family, but I would welcome more information. You will read Henry was Vestry Clerk of Liverpool.

## More Families

This next family appears to have started at **Eastwood in Essex** and the first person we have is **Henry Hagger and his wife Margaret**. He died in 1861, she having predeceased him in 1850. We have knowledge of four children - Joseph who married twice Elizabeth Green and Elizabeth Sewell; William who married Mary Bird; Charlotte and George.

We started this family with the marriage of **Stephen Hagger (born abt 1817 in Chishill, Essex) and Jane Hales in 1844 at Aldgate**. They had nine children born either at **Great Munden in Hertfordshire or Ashdon in Essex**. Stephen is one of the more affluent Haggars as in the 1861 census he is shown as a farmer of 250 acres employing 8 men and 3 boys. By 1881 the family is becoming dispersed with Christopher (born 1845) in Ipswich, Suffolk shown as an Engineering Fireman. Stephen (born 1847) is a farmer with 188 acres employing 3 men and 2 boys in Ashdon. Joseph Hales (born 1849) is in Ramsgate, Kent as a butcher employing 2 men and a boy. Alfred (born 1850) is in Hinxton, Cambridgeshire as a corn miller employing 1 man.

I am sorry if your family is not mentioned. However, I would be pleased to feature any Hagger family in a future Newsletter or on the web site under Ancestors. Please email me so we can share the Hagger information, you may find a new relation.

## Is this a record

**Thomas Neatby Hagger** was baptised in 1782 (although it is recorded in the Baptism VRIs I do not believe it is an actual baptism) at the **Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Quakers Meeting**. Thomas was the son of Joseph Hagger and Hannah (nee Neatby).

**Thomas married Ann Etheridge** in 1813 at a **Quaker meeting in Houndsditch, Middlesex**. Thomas and Ann had 6 children. Although I have not found the marriage, it appears Thomas also married an Elizabeth and had 2 further children.

The interesting bit is that 4 of Thomas and Ann's children married children of Ann's brother Thomas Etheridge. George Hagger married Mary Ann Etheridge in 1847 at St Mary, Haggerston, Middlesex. Ellen Hagger married John Etheridge in 1849 at Hertford Quakers, Hertfordshire. Franklin Hagger married Sarah Louisa Etheridge in 1853 at St Mary, Haggerston, Middlesex. Finally, David Browne Hagger married Isabel Mary Etheridge in 1870 at St Andrew, Holborn, Middlesex.

So is this a record 4 siblings marrying 4 sibling cousins?

## Hagger Get Together

As you may know, those of us interested in the Hagger name, or at least an interest in Therfield, Hertfordshire, try to get together on the second Saturday in March when we join the North Herts Village History Group for their annual meeting of lectures in Kelshall Village Hall and afterwards adjourn to the [Fox & Duck](#) for lunch and a good chat about Hagger matters. This year we will gather on 10th March, just drop me an email and I will let you have the details.



## Origins of Hagger

A short while ago somebody sent me an extract from the Dictionary of American Family Names. This book suggests that Haggar or Hagger are English and Haggard is a variant of Haggard. Whilst Hagger is a variant of Haggard or Hager. Hagar is also a variant of Hager. It goes on to suggest Haggard is a nickname from Middle English, Old French *hagard* 'wild', 'untamed'. This word was adopted into Middle English as a technical term in falconry to denote a hawk that had been captured and trained when already fully grown, rather than being reared in captivity; the surname may have developed as a metonymic occupational name for a falconer. Alternatively, it suggests Haggard is an Americanised form of the Danish Agard.

For Hager it gives 5 options, the first four it suggests a German origin either as first name, topographic name or nickname. Finally, it suggests it is the English occupational name woodcutter.

[See also the Origins Page.](#)

## What do you think?

### Growth of One Name Study

Whilst many think One Name Studies are all about collecting data, I am much more interested in reconstructing family trees and learning about the people in the trees. Nowadays there is so much data about on the web, without even visiting records offices you can easily get overwhelmed by data.

In the case of our study, I still have a lot of data to process because I try to help the many people who come with a query or when I receive new data I try to fit at least some of it into family trees. This often means constructing a new tree and, of course this takes time, but it is more enjoyable than just processing data.

Having said all that, how much data do we have. You will find a pretty good summary on the [Data Available Page](#). Briefly we now have over 40,000 data entries an increase of about 1,000 in the last year, and this is without any large inputs of data - just finding data when researching families. The two biggest chunks of data are BMDs with 20,000 entries and the census 9,000 (here we still have much missing data). We have just over 200 family trees in various stages of completion and are able to interconnect a number of them. We have now indexed about 7,000 individuals, so for each of these we normally have more than one piece of data cross referenced.

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