

Hagger ons

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Welcome

A warm welcome to this first issue of 'Hagger ons', a newsletter to keep you informed about the Hagger One Name Study.

First I should explain what is a One Name Study is.

The Guild of One Name Studies (GOONS) sets the following criteria for anyone wishing to undertake a one name study:

1. You must agree to collect all references to your registered surname(s) on a worldwide basis. A study restricted to one country, part of a country, or the descendents of a particular individual does not meet the criteria.

2. You must agree to deal with all reply-paid enquiries and emails that you receive relating to your registered surname(s).

For the moment, I have just registered the names Hagger and Haggar, but will collect information on other variants as well and may register other names as the study develops. Therefore, at the moment I am only obliged to deal with Hagger and Haggar.

You may ask why just these two variants, - mainly because in research already done we know Hagger and Haggar have been interchangeable in times gone by and the spelling often depended on the priest making the entry in the Parish register.

Progress so far

The study only got under way after Martin Hagger and I attended a seminar organised by the GOONS in early November 2003.

We have started collecting England and Wales births, deaths and marriage (BDM) registration information. Martin had already made a start some years earlier by manually listing all the BDM information on Hagg*r's in the GRO indexes. So far, we have the information for births from 1837, when records started, until 1940. Some of these are still in digital image form and others are now transcribed into Excel files.

The final stage is to load the Excel files into a piece of software called Custodian. This is a specialist relational database especially designed for storing the data collected as part of a one name study.

Therefore, I can now handle queries on Hagg*r births from 1837 to 1940. We have also tried to capture information on other variants as well including Hagar, Hager, Haggerwood and a few others.



Peter Hagger, the owner of the Hagger One Name Study with his wife Christine and their four grandsons.



Therfield Parish Church, Hertfordshire, England. Many Hagger's were baptised, married and buried in this Church. Hagger's were still being baptised there in the 1960's although no Hagger's now live in the village.

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How can you contribute?

The following are already transcribing data from digital images into Excel spreadsheets on English and Welsh BDM's:

Martin Hagger, Mike Hagger, Doug Fitzjohn, and Miriam Hagger is now joining the team.

Basically, I send you some digital picture files on a CD and you transcribe the data into an Excel template, which I provide and then you return an Excel file to me. I do a certain amount of checking and clear up any queries you have raised and I then load the file into Custodian. I would welcome more transcribers, just email me at peter@hagger.org if you can help.

I would also welcome any other Hagger data, which can be loaded into Custodian and which can accept the data directly from Access 2000, Excel, text (Comma Separated Values) and ODBC (Open Database Connectivity). Although it can also take GEDCOM files, this is not very useful, as the data cannot be integrated into the main data area. So far, I have only mastered the input of Excel files and this works very well.

Custodian has its own data entry forms for all of the following types of data:

Apprentices; Armed Forces Records; Civil Registration Indexes (BDM's) for England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Australia and US Social Security Death Indexes; Civil Registration Certificates, Census Returns (various - England, Wales, Ireland and US); IGI and VRI; Marriage Licences; Migration (Ellis Island and Passenger lists); MI's & Cemetery Records; Directories; Parish Chest information; Poor Law Records; Probate; School Records and a few others.

I welcome all information, but please agree with me what format you are sending it in. Obviously it is easier for me if it is in a format which I can directly load into Custodian, but I am more than prepared to re-enter data where necessary.

www.hagger.org

This is the web site maintained by Martin Hagger and contains a great deal of information concerning a large number of Hagger's who originated from Therfield in Hertfordshire. Although I own the One Name Study, Martin is putting in a lot of the work and contributing a great deal of his research and knowledge to the project. Martin has recently completed a transcription of the 1841 and 1851 census returns for Therfield and the relevant Hagger data will now feed into the study.

How many Hagger's are there and where do they come from?

A fairly recent piece of software called Surname Atlas allows you to input a surname with or without variants to see the spread of a name across the UK at the time of the 1881 census. For Hagger and a number of variants this shows the following information:

	Total No.	Main counties
Hagar	83	35 in Yorks, 15 in Kent, 13 in Lancashire and 9 in Sussex
Hager	93	27 in Surrey, 16 in Lancashire and 14 in Suffolk
Haggar	454	92 in Suffolk, 76 in Middlesex, 74 in Essex, 64 in Herts, 31 in Surrey, 9 in Yorkshire and 15 in Cambridgeshire
Hagger	885	206 in Middlesex, 140 in Essex, 119 in Hertfordshire, 103 in Cambridgeshire, 84 in Surrey, 63 in Suffolk and 30 in Kent

In the next issue of the Newsletter I will show how Births were spread across the country in the period from registration commencing in 1837 until the end of 1859.