

Hagger ons

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Introduction

I must first apologise for the delay in producing a second issue of our Newsletter. This year has been somewhat difficult with our youngest daughter being ill early in the year and then us moving house in July. All of this has meant time spent on Family History has been somewhat limited, but as you will see we have continued to make progress.

This Newsletter is really yours so I would welcome some input. How about some stories about a Hagger ancestor. Not only will we use them in the Newsletter, but we will also publish them on our web site, which we expect to have in place by the end of the year.



This picture shows some of those researching Hagg*r Ancestry, who attended a meeting of the North Herts Village History Group's Annual Meeting in March 2004. The picture was taken in the Fox & Duck at Therfield.

Those attending the meeting researching Hagg*r were:

Mike Hagger descended from Lavender Hagger born Therfield 1767.

John Hagger descended from James Hagger born Therfield 1829, son of Henry Hagger and Ann Anderson.

Pamela Kimpton and her mother, also descendents of the same James Hagger.

Barbara Hembury descended from Alfred Hagger born 1845 Therfield and son of Henry Hagger (as above) and his second wife Eliza Gilby. We were very sorry to hear that Barbara passed away on 24th July.

Martin Hagger also descended from the same Alfred Hagger.

Andrea Humphrey descended from William Henry Hagger born Therfield 1849 and also a son of Henry and Eliza.

Peter Hagger descended from Arthur Hagger born Therfield 1856 and another son of Henry and Eliza.

Progress so far

With a great deal of help we now have captured Hagg*r and some other variants, births and marriages from registration to 1949. These are virtually all loaded in our master database (Custodian). The name index in Custodian now has over 10,000 entries. These are not, of course, all separate names, but it gives an idea of the scope of information already entered.

In addition to the births and marriages, we also have in Custodian some Birth and Marriage Certificate data and the Therfield, Hertfordshire 1841 census information.

I have a lot more data to cleanse and load including: Therfield 1851/61/71 censuses; extract of the 1891 census for England obtained from Ancestry; a great deal of data from the Times Newspaper database and data from the Essex archives.

My priority is to get the Death index data up to 1949 and make progress on the data cleanse for the Times database and the Ancestry census extracts.

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Where do Hagg*r's come from?

In the last issue of the Newsletter we looked at the 1881 census. In this issue we are looking at the pattern of Birth registrations during three periods 1837 - 59 (A), 1860 - 89 (B) and 1890 - 1919 (C).

Births per year:

Period	A	B	C
Hagger	23.65	30.6	37.23
Haggar	8.13	13.2	15.3

Although there is strong evidence to show that in some cases Haggar and Hagger are interchangeable we have analysed them separately.

To try to be able to make a comparison with the analysis we carried out on the census by county, we have allocated each registration district to the first named county in the Handbook of Registration Districts by Brett Langston. This is not entirely accurate, e.g. Royston is included as part of Hertfordshire, but the registration district also includes part of Cambridgeshire and Essex.

In period A, four counties account for 80% of the Hagger births - Hertfordshire (29%), Essex (20%), Middlesex (18%) and Cambridgeshire (14%). By period C, the Haggars are more dispersed and we need 8 counties to gather up 80% of the births, namely - Middlesex (30%), Essex (20%), Hertfordshire (10%), Surrey (7%), Kent (5%), Cambridgeshire (3%), West Riding of Yorkshire (3%) and Leicestershire (3%).

With regard to Haggars for period A, four counties accounted for 80% of births - Suffolk (28%), Essex (25%), Hertfordshire (19%) and Middlesex (9%). By period C, we need seven counties to get to 80% of the births - Suffolk (21%), Essex (20%), Middlesex (17%), Hertfordshire (8%), Lancashire (5%), Warwickshire (4%) and West Riding of Yorkshire (4%).

When we look at Registration Districts we find that in period A, 23% of Hagger births were recorded in Royston followed by Saffron Walden in Essex with 10% of births. By period C, Royston only accounted for 7% of Hagger births with West Ham in Essex at 10% being the highest; no other districts were over 5%.

For Haggar births, Hitchin in Hertfordshire accounted for 12% of births in period A, but only 3% by period C when Ipswich in Suffolk accounted for 12% up from 10% in period A.

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As you will have seen, many of the researchers we are in touch with have roots in Therfield, Hertfordshire. To complement his excellent hagger.org site, Martin Hagger has now launched a site dedicated to Therfield which can be found at - www.therfield.net.

Times Database

We have made a start on transcribing all the references to Hagg*r in the Times Database. Perhaps your ancestors get a mention - here a few early snippets:

T Hagger of Potten, Bedfordshire a dealer in straw plat. Bankruptcy of John Hagger, Richmond, Surrey, a cordwainer. Many mentions of a Mr Hagger, the Vestry Clerk of Liverpool. An open scholarship awarded to H G Hagger, St Catherine's College, Cambridge. Marriage of Alice Maud Hagger, 17th March 1881. A number of mentions of Veterinary Surgeon Hagger. Rev Watson Hagger to be Vicar of Tolleshunt Major, Essex, 1892. Obituary of Major William Robert Hagger, 5th December 1903. Death of Captain William A Hagger of 126th Baluchistan Infantry in Karachi. An OBE to James Ernest Hagger, June 1924. The will of Joseph Harry Hagger of Wendon Essex, April 1934. Captain of Haberdashers' Aske's School, F W Hagger.

The aim is to create an Excel spreadsheet of all the entries, together with a transcript of the actual text.

[An occasional Newsletter for those interested in the study of the surname Hagg*r and its variants.](#)