

Progress so far

Work has continued on the Birth, Death and Marriage indexes. All entries for the various variants have been loaded in Custodian (our master database) from registration to 1983 for births and 1949 for marriages and deaths. We have captured the data, but have a little work to do on it for marriages 1950 to 1970, deaths 1950 to 1968 and 1984 to 2000. We have also captured and loaded the data on overseas BDMs and adoptions and loaded these.

Recently we loaded Hagger entries from the Electoral Roll for 2002/3/4, but we still have to transcribe the data for the variants.

Custodian now has some 19,879 individual records loaded, with 24,900 names in the index. The web site lists in some detail the data which is loaded and can be searched.

We continue to progress the collection of 1891 census entries. So far we have information on over 2,000 individuals, not all of this is complete, but we are gradually checking and completing the data capture. We are working county by county in alphabetical order and currently we are working on Middlesex. We have not managed to do very much on The Times database information - so far we have transcribed 290 entries into Word and converted 260 of them into a Excel database.

Recently we submitted all the marriage index information from 1837 to 1911 to the Guild of One Name Studies (GOONS) marriage index. During this period the index did not provide the spouses surname. The aim of the GOONS index is to swap information with other researchers on spouses, date and time of marriage to try to fill gaps in knowledge. For this period we have 1,829 Hagg*r marriages and currently only have information on spouses in 68 cases.

The next six months we will focus on tidying up the BDM information and try to complete the 1891 census information. We also hope to make a start on capturing information on wills.

Introduction

As you will see only a small amount of progress has been made in the last six months since our last Newsletter. But when you consider it is not yet two years since we started the study the progress has been fantastic. This is very much due to our team of transcribers - Martin Hagger, Mike Hagger and Doug Fitzjohn - our sincere thanks to them for all their hard work. Martin has also helped in collecting digital images of the BDM indexes from which the transcribers have worked.

What could you do?

One area where we have made virtually no progress is on the transcribing of Parish Register records, almost the only exception is for Therfield in Hertfordshire.

Could you take responsibility for capturing Hagger and all the variant information from a particular Parish?

Contact Peter Hagger and he will explain to you what is involved and the ideal way to present the data.

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The Times Database

Whilst we are still a long way from completing the transcribing of all the Hagg*r information from The Times newspaper database, we thought we would pick out information a couple of Hagger's to share with you.

The first is the Rev Norman Watson Hagger, who appears some thirteen times. He first appears in 1932 as a priest vicar at a service on the scaffolding at Lincoln Cathedral to mark 10 years of repairs to the Cathedral. Various clerical appointments were announced over the years - he was Rector of Coningsby in Lincolnshire until 1959 when he became Vicar of Witham-on-the-Hill also in Lincolnshire.

In 1936 we learn that his daughter Dilys aged only 17 died. On a more cheerful subject in 1943 his silver wedding was announced and from this we learn that he married Charlotte Maria James on 12 June 1918 at Church Crookham in Hampshire when he was a Captain in the Royal Sussex Regiment.

In 1960 we get the announcement of his son, Norman John Watson Hagger's marriage to Penelope Ann Chadwick at St Mary's Bloxham on 3rd September 1960. It appears our Norman retired in 1964 when he resigned as Vicar of Witham-on-the-Hill. Then in 1965 we get the announcement of his wife Charlotte's death on 28th April when they appear to have been living in retirement at West Deeping. The final announcement is in 1972 when his own death is announced on 10th January and he was still living in West Deeping. From this announcement it appears he was priested in about 1922 and he may still have had four living children - John, Ann, Edward and Stephen.

Hopefully we can match this data to the BDM indexes and possibly the 1901 census.

Another person who cropped up a number of times was a Mr Hagger as Vestry Clerk of Liverpool. Most references give no more information, but in 1863 we get a further clue with the initials of H P. So I was pleased when we were transcribing the 1891 census to find a Vestry Clerk living in Great Crosby just seven miles from Liverpool. Of course, the two entries are nearly 30 years apart and unfortunately the initials are different. In 1891, the Vestry Clerk is shown as Henry J age 62, he also had a son Henry G age 30 shown as the Assistant Vestry Clerk. Nothing conclusive in this, but we thought it was interesting.

If you are researching either of these branches of the Hagger's we would be really pleased to hear from you.

Occupations in the 1891 census

As we expected, we are finding lots of Hagg*r Agricultural Labourers in the 1891 census. However, here are just a sample of some of the other occupations found so far - artificial flower maker, barge captain, billiard maker, bookfolder, brickmaker, coal miner, doctor's boy, fur sewer, ironer, mantle salesman, ostrich feather maker, slatelayer, umbrella maker and umbrella stick cutter.