

Introduction

My apologies for the delay in issuing a Newsletter, I am well aware it is nearly a year since the last issue. No real excuse other than I have been very busy, mainly on non One Name Study activities.

This issue sees the launch of our DNA project, see article below.

Overleaf you will hear of a marriage at Therfield of a descendent of Alfred Hagger (1845 - 1926) and also the birth of a Watson Hagger.

Help

The data continues to roll in thanks mainly to our small team of helpers - Martin Hagger, Mike Hagger and, in Australia, Doug Fitzjohn.

If you have any data relating to Hagg*rs we are always pleased to receive it, whether it be an Excel file or just your family tree we are always grateful. If you are sending data please state where you obtained it from as we do not like to store data if we do not know the source.

Hagg*r One Name Study Starts a DNA Project

Many of you will have heard of using DNA testing to prove people are related. There is now a growing use of DNA testing in genealogy projects and over the past year I have been thinking of launching a project as part of the One Name Study. Very recently Martin Hagger who has helped me a great deal with the One Name Study and my own research, contacted me and suggested we go for it and actually launch a project. Both Martin and I have done a fair bit of research and reading and our conclusion is that a DNA Project would enhance the One Name Study.

Therefore, the aim of the project is to assist the One Name Study in proving or not whether there is a relationship between the various Hagg*r branches. For example, we know of a lot about Hagg*r's in Therfield, Hertfordshire and although like Martin and I many are descended from Henry Hagger (Abt 1804 – 1863) there are many other Hagg*r's from Therfield that we have not yet been able to prove any relationship to our own branch.

We already know that Haggar and Hagger are interchangeable, but is there any relationship between Hagg*r and Hag*r? This project could tell us more.

How does it work?

All participants have to be male and believe they are descended down a Hagg*r line. Each participant is sent a kit containing 3 small brushes, which are used to take a swab sample from inside the cheek. It is then stored in a special envelope and sent back to the lab for analysis. The DNA tests carried out effectively make use of what is known as 'junk DNA'. The tests will not identify an individual or provide any medical data, they purely give an indication of the participant's haplotype in the form of a string of digits. You would expect in a string of 43 digits for two males who share the same gt gt grandfather to have the same results. Where there is a slight difference it can be predicted how long ago the two participants had a common ancestor.

How are we going to do it?

First, we have had to choose a company that will do the testing and produce the necessary reports for us. We have chosen DNA Heritage based in Dorset in the UK. The reasons we have chosen this company are that they are UK based, but have a US operation and the testing is done in the US. Payment can be made in various currencies and their charges are competitive, with a discount offered for tests carried out as part of a Surname Project registered with them. They offer good support and various software to help manage the project. Finally, they have been recommended by a fellow member of the Guild of One Name Studies.

DNA cont.

The first stage is for Martin and I to get tested as we have documentary evidence of our both being descendents of Henry Hagger, he being my Gt Gt Grandfather. We will both pay for the full 43 marker test and these results will be the initial bench marks for the project.

How can you take part?

You can go to the Hagger Project at the DNA Heritage web site and register. DNA Heritage will then send you your kit which you can then return to either the UK or US offices. Once the kit arrives in the US the testing will take 3 to 4 weeks. You will then receive an invoice and once paid the results will be sent to you and our page on the DNA Heritage web site.

The Hagger page at DNA Heritage will be found at - www.dnaheritage.com/oracle/join.asp?GroupUnique=239838173

More information is available at the DNA Heritage home page - www.dnaheritage.com or at - www.genuki.org.uk/big/bigmisc/DNA.html.

How much will it cost?

For the highest confidence results you need a 43 marker test and this costs \$199. However, you can opt for a lower level test of 23 markers at \$138 with the option to upgrade at any time at a cost of \$5.99 per marker.

What we now need are male Hagg*r descendents to volunteer. If you wish to discuss anything to do with this project before committing yourself, please contact either Martin or myself and we will be pleased to try to answer your questions etc.

Peter Hagger

Hagger Birth

On 6th July 2006, in Kuala Lumpur, a daughter Georgina Penelope Teoh Watson Hagger was born to Stephen John Watson Hagger and SuYin Hagger (nee Teoh) - a sister for Benjamin Edward Teoh Watson Hagger.

Father, Stephen, is the son of Norman John Watson and Ann Hagger. Norman is one of a small number of Watson Hagger's, including Canon Norman Watson Hagger, who held various posts in the Diocese of Lincoln and died in West Deeping in 1972.

Therfield Marriage

On 15th July 2006, Michelle Simpson married Kieron Roberts at Therfield Parish Church. Michelle is the daughter of Barry and Jan Simpson. Barry's mother was Ethel Annie Hagger (1903-1952) daughter of William Hagger (1869 - 1939) and Annie Bullard. William was the son of Alfred Hagger (1845 - 1926) and Eliza Anderson who themselves were married at Therfield on 16th July 1865 - 141 years earlier, almost to the day. Alfred was the son of Henry Hagger (1804 - 1863) from whom both Martin and Peter Hagger and other Hagger researchers are descended.

Data Available

Information on the latest data available is shown on the www.hagger.info web site on the Data Available and Awaiting Loading pages.

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