

Hagger Researchers Meet

In March a number of Hagger Researchers met at the North Herts Village Research Group meeting at Kelshall, we then adjourned to the Fox & Duck in Therfield for lunch. Those present on this occasion were Gary Congram & Doreen Oakman who are descended from John Hagger B Abt 1793 in Therfield; Audrey Green & David Robertson are both descended from William Hagger born Abt 1798 in Anstey; Mike Hagger who is descended from Lavender Hagger born abt 1767 in Therfield and Martin Hagger and myself both descended from Henry Hagger born abt 1804 in Therfield.



Pictured in the Fox & Duck - Back row Mike Hagger, Gary Congram, Martin Hagger, David Robertson
Front row Doreen Oakman and Audrey Green.

Some of those that travelled to Therfield for the Village Fete on 16th June

The on 16th June many of us that met in March once again travelled to Therfield for the annual village fete, on this occasion we were additional joined by a number of other researchers including Della Fitzgerald and her husband Alan, Della is from the same line as Mike Hagger; i.e. Lavender Hagger, born in about 1767 at Therfield. Also there was Owen Welch who is descended from Edward Hagger of Sandon, born about 1814. Although not in the picture we also met Barry Simpson who owns a house in Therfield and is descended, like Marin Hagger, from Alfred born in Therfield in 1845.



DNA Study

Our DNA study now has seven participants and of these it looks as if six could be related, three actually have returned the same results. For two of these Martin and Peter Hagger we have pretty good documentary evidence to show they are related. But recently we had the results of Baden Hagger and his test matches Peter and Martin, Baden lives in Australia and believes his ancestors come from Great Chishall in Essex quite close to Therfield in Hertfordshire where Martin and Peter's ancestors lived. Hopefully in time we may be able to show a documentary path between the Hagger's of Therfield and Great Chishall.

Why not take part in our project:.

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Study News

As you will see on the first page we have had two meet ups this year of Hagger researchers, mainly with a Therfield connection. Those of you interested in Therfield will find plenty of useful data on Martin Hagger's site www.therfield.net.

We have fairly recently finished cross indexing a good number of over four hundred entries in The Times newspaper featuring Hagger's to our main database and loading them into the database. One family that came up a considerable number of times was the Hagger's of Liverpool who were solicitors, one of their names was Joseph Leyland Hagger, born in 1867 in the West Derby registration district. It would be good to hear from somebody descended from Joseph or who knows something about the family. I did mention this family in the last Newsletter but have not heard

Another fascinating family that we know a fair bit about is that of Lavender Hagger born at Therfield in 1767, Mike Hagger who has helped a lot with the study is descended from Lavender and in the DNA tests it looks as if Lavender's branch is connected to that of Henry Hagger also born in Therfield in about 1804. The really fascinating part of the history of this branch is that Lavender's grandson Thomas married Elizabeth Wright and then moved to Todmorden where they had five children and registered them as de Quincey and not Hagger, they then moved back south to Stevenage and Barnet and had three more children registered as Hagger's. Why the move to Yorkshire and why register the five children as de Quincey. Any ideas?

I am very grateful to Mike Hagger for this picture of the children of Vivian Wright Hagger the first of Thomas's children to be registered as a Hagger. The children are Alfred, Vivian, John, and Julian. Mike believes the picture was taken in about 1896/7.



A task nearing completion is having extracted over 1,000 Hagger entries from the probate index from 1858 to 1990 we are trying to cross reference them to entries in the GRO Death Index file prior to loading them all into our master database. Currently we have over 30,000 entries in our database.

Plea

We still need lots more data on Hagger's, when we refer to Hagger's we mean Hagger and the various variants including - Haggar, Hagger, Hagar and Hager.

If you have data please contact [Peter Hagger](mailto:peter.hagger@bt.com).

We would also be delighted to receive digital images.

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