

Leonard Dunbar Hagger

Leonard was awarded the Military Cross on 1st March 1945 following his actions on 6th August 1944. The wording of the recommendation is given below and was signed by Field Marshall Montgomery.

But who was Leonard? If you know please contact [Peter](#) as he would be delighted to know more about Leonard.

“On the evening of 6 Aug 44 Major Hagger's Sqn was supporting 2 Warwick on the high ground South of Presles. Just as a heavy enemy attack, estimated at Bn strength was coming in, a hail of Nebelwerfer bombs landed in the middle of Inf HQ. Major Hagger, who was close by, made his way back to his Sqn unharmed though dazed by the shock. A critical situation developed owing to the necessary withdrawal of one Coy on Inf with the result that the enemy Inf reached a point within 50 yds of Major Hagger's tanks, and brought fire to bear on them with anti-tank projectors. During this attack and two subsequent ones Major Hagger went round from troop to troop with the greatest coolness and bravery, reorganising tps where tp ldr has become a casualty. Much of this work was done on foot under heavy fire. Major Hagger's courage and skill at a time when the situation of the inf was extremely precarious was a great inspiration both to the Inf and to his own men, and was in large measure responsible for the position being held against heavy opposition.”

DNA Project

Towards the end of last year we were contacted by Paul Hagger who descended from a Hagger branch which we had come across when transcribing entries from The Times database. With a lot of input from Paul and some additional input from Martin Hagger ([see hagger.org](http://see.hagger.org)) we now have Paul's family going back to William Hagger of Kelshall marrying Elizabeth Groom at Therfield in 1776. Paul volunteered to join the DNA Project and his test results are show on the [results page](#), as you can see Paul's results show he is likely to related to most of us for whom we have results. In fact in recent weeks various bits of the jigsaw are fitting in place to prove a relationship to a number of us.



This is a picture of Edward Hagger born in 1814 and Paul's Great Great Grandfather. Edward continued the family business of an Italian Warehouse and Oilman started by his

Hagger and Therfield Researchers Meet Up

Once again a number of us either with Hagger or Therfield links (or in a good number of cases both) will meet up on Saturday 8th March at the North Hertfordshire Villages Research Groups annual gathering at Kelsahll from 10.00 am. After the meeting finishes at about 12.45 pm we will adjourn to the Fox and Duck in Therfield for lunch and a good chat. If you would like to join us or know more about this get together please contact [Peter](#).

Marriage Challenges

The [Guild of One Name Studies](#) of which Peter is a member has been running a project called Marriage Challenge. The GRO index of marriages in England and Wales does not give the spouses surname prior to 1912 and this project addresses those marriages registered between 1837 and 1911. Volunteer members attempt to find the full details of marriages during this period in Parish Registers for a complete Registration District.

In our case we have 1,833 marriages registered during this period and now we have at least limited details of over 500 of these marriages and over 340 of these have come from the Marriage Challenge Project.



Hagger Families

Whilst we have over 30,000 individual records in our master database and probably another 5,000 records accessible but not yet loaded that is not the end of the story. In an ideal world each of those records would be linked to a particular Hagger family branch.

In the database we have over 100 Hagger family branches, with many of them interrelated. Some of these families are well developed with details of a number of generations documented others are in the early stages of development. This family reconstruction we believe is an important part of the One Name Study, the study has to be more than just collecting data.

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