

## Nineteenth Century Newspapers

I was fortunate to be able to access the British Library database of nineteenth British Newspapers and have over the past year transcribed a number of the images featuring Hagers. So far, I have completed about 440 transcriptions. There are many births, deaths and marriages and a lot give other interesting information. I have compiled the following snippets and would be delighted to hear from you if you think any of the people mentioned are in your family tree. I can then provide you with more information and you may be able to tell me where the person fits into great big Hagger jigsaw.

**Susan Hagger** (age 24) who in 1858 successfully sued for breach of promise regarding marriage, her father (age 58) was a publican at Thorley in Essex. Her mother was Anne and Susan had eight siblings, including William an artificial flower maker.

**John Hagger** a cattle dealer of Sturdy (may be Sturry) Road, Canterbury who was fined at the Guildhall, London in 1890 for selling diseased meat.

**Joseph Hagger** who died in 1859 at Liverpool, age 73 and was described as being the master of the Bath Union Workhouse for many years.

**Thomas O Hagger** who in 1862 was appointed by the Army as a principal purveyor.

**Frederick Hagger**, a sailor and **William Hagger**, a labourer who in 1839 were charged with a murderous assault on two police constables at Walthamstow petty sessions.

**A W Hagger** the landlord of the Green Man Tavern in Princes Street, Blackfrairs Road.

**Joseph Hagger** a greengrocer in Croydon in 1867.

**Lydia Elizabeth Hagger** who died in 1836 and lived at 21 Warren Street, Fitzroy Square in the County of Middlesex.

**John Hagger**, of 38 Stoke Newington Road, a under warehouseman at Messers Spotiswoode's, the Queen's printers, who in 1874 was charged and convicted of stealing Bibles and prayer books from his employer. He was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

The Ipswich Journal has many reports of Hagers from Ipswich and the surrounding area, so if you have ancestors from that area I would be delighted to hear from you.



### The interior of St Mary's Church, Therfield.

Many of our Hagger ancestors came from Therfield and each year we try to meet in the local pub - The Fox and Duck - after the North Hertfordshire Villages Research Group's meeting in Kelshall. This is normally held on the second Saturday of March, so book the date in your diary now - 13th March 2010 - look forward to seeing you there.

## The Hagger One Name Study

Although we always refer to our One Name Study as the 'Hagger Study' we cover the various variants of the Hagger name, like Haggar, Hagar, Hager and also those with an 's' on the end.

The study continues to expand and we now have over 38,000 records in our main database. This does not include the records we are still preparing for transfer like the entries from the British Library Newspaper Database of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Newspapers, this will give us another 500 records. Our database has now been modified to allow loading of the 1911 census entries. Currently, we have the basic index information loaded and need to gather the full information and transfer it to the main database. The index has over 2,300 entries.

The pace of adding data is slow as we normally try to cross reference any new data and place people in appropriate families. We now have over 5,000 individuals indexed which normally means for these people we have placed them in a family or and we have more than one entry for them.

One task of collecting mass data which has just started, is that of trawling the IGI county by county for Hagger data. Eileen McIntosh is collecting the data and then before loading I am checking where possible for any connection with existing data. It is early days yet, but so far we have loaded Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire data.

Since the last Newsletter, we have had to move the hosting of the web site as my ISP – BT has withdrawn their free web hosting at Geocities. Hopefully this has been seamless to you all, but please do not try to use any link with Geocities in the address – stick to ones with [www.hagger.info](http://www.hagger.info) at the beginning and you should be okay. My blog suffered the same fate and I have not started a new one and not sure if I will.



One of the biggest families I have so far reconstructed is that of the Haggars of Bourn in Cambridgeshire (see [page](#) under [Ancestors](#)). This was a massive task with over 300 people fitted into the tree. I am most grateful to Julie Day for her help with this task. The first sight we have of this family was over the border at East Hatley in Bedfordshire, although folklore suggest they had originated in Bourn and were returning. What I would really like to do is get a surviving male Hagger of this family to undertake a DNA test so we can compare the results with those from Therfield only 13 miles away in Hertfordshire.

Currently I am working on entering the data regarding what I refer to as the 'Preston Haggars' who settled in Preston, Lancashire and descend from Richard Hagger who was born in Therfield, Hertfordshire in 1757 and married Elizabeth Rogerson in Lancashire; here most of the work has been done already by Tony Parker and Martin Hagger.

A great source of information for our project has been the [Guild of One Name Studies](#) Marriage Challenges. As you may know the GRO Marriage Indexes up to 1911 did not include spouse information. Marriage challengers take on a Registration District and attempt to find the full details of marriages between 1837 and 1991 for fellow Guild members. Recently, a fellow member found 32 out of 33 marriages in the Shoreditch Registration District and has provided me with the full details that appear on the marriage certificate. In total we have 1,851 Hagger marriages between 1837 to 1911 and we now have at least some detail on 706 of these, and Guild members have helped with over 480 of these.

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