

## Introduction

No apologies for the delay since the last issue, I just need to be more disciplined. It is just there is always so much to do on the study without all the other distractions.

I was looking through all the back issues of the Newsletter and in January 2008 we had 30,000 records in our main database now that has reached over 51,000. What has also changed is the number of people we have cross referenced and put into a family tree. The number of trees still grows despite the fact that we are also merging trees as we show a connection, although we tend not to let a tree get too big before starting a connected tree. Currently we have 213 active branches which are in various stages of construction, I never would say a tree is complete as more information often comes along later.

I am very grateful to Doug Fitzjohn who continues to trawl various record sets for Hagers from his home in Australia; he has recently sent me extracts from Parish Register Records for various counties in England and I am gradually adding them to the database. One County I have completed is Leicestershire and this allowed me to link into a Therfield family which currently starts with John PRESTON and Elizabeth HAGGER, I have not found any records for either of them except as parents in the Therfield, Hertfordshire baptism records, they had two children John HAGGER born in 1789 and died in 1848 and Edward PRESTON who was born and died in 1800. Although at some stage some of the descendents occasionally used the name PRESTON they all used the name HAGGER most of the time. I still have a bit more work to do on this family before I sign it off as complete for the time being, as most families are never totally complete.

I intend starting in this issue to give my Family Reference when I talk about a family, e.g the family mentioned above is (THE015 - THE for Therfield and 015 the 15<sup>th</sup> Family started based in Therfield). If you contact me about a particular family if you are able to quote this reference it makes it easier for me to know which family you are interested in.

## Other Families

These families have all had work done on them since the last Newsletter.

William HAGGER (born 1809) and Mary BIGNY (born 1815) married in 1834 at St Giles Cripplegate (CRI001) they went onto have 9 children, this was not a large tree of only 58 people and I am sure with some help I may be able to add to this family.

In the last issue of the Newsletter (18) I wrote about Arthur William HAGGAR (TEN001) a pioneer of Cinema in Wales, you can now find a write up on him in the [Ancestors section of the web site](#).

A family (KNE001) I was able to add a little more information to, thanks to Rob Hagger, was that of John HAGGER who was married to a Sarah and they had at least 6 children at Knebworth, Hertfordshire from 1706 onwards and we have developed a tree of over 490 people.

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## Work in Progress

We are working on a number of families currently all at different stages of reconstruction.

The first one is a family from Barkway, Hertfordshire (BAR001); this village is very close to Therfield where many Hagers came from. Currently we start this family with Thomas born about 1756 and he had a son George born about 1796 who married a Susan, but I cannot be certain she was a FLACK or a HAWK. They had five sons from 1819 to 1833 in Barkway. I still have a lot of work to do on this family.

The other family I am currently working on is one from Furneux Pelham in Hertfordshire (FUR004) and progress on this has been possible due to work on the Hertfordshire Parish Registers by Doug Fitzjohn and Findmypast making more registers available. This family currently starts with Thomas HAGAR who becomes a HAGGER, he was born in about 1789 and married an Ann, they had three sons Joseph (1827), John (1832) and James (1835). Although Joseph and John both married it appears only John had children so currently I am following that line through.

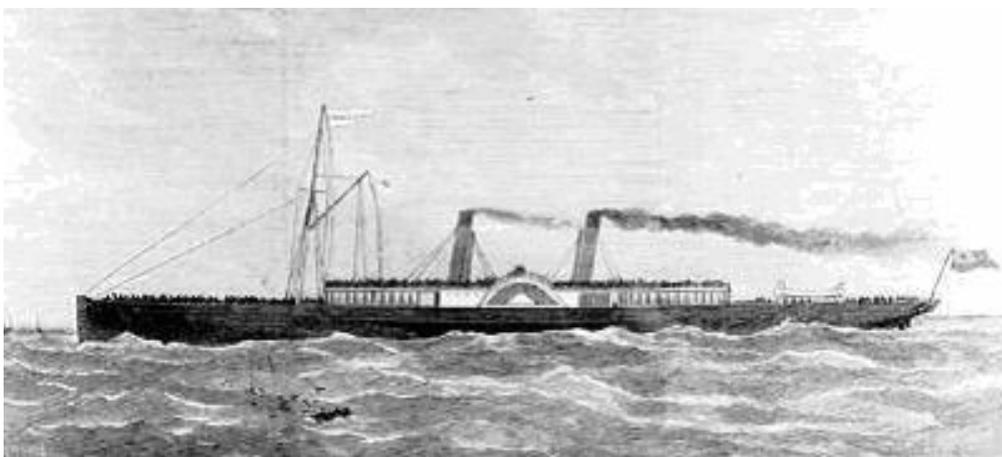
If you are or believe you may be connected to any of the families I have mentioned in this or any issue of the Newsletter I would be delighted to hear from you. Perhaps you can add to my knowledge or perhaps I may be able to help your research.

## DNA Match

I was delighted to hear from one of my contacts Susan Jones that her father Maxwell HAGGER in Australia had had a Y DNA test and when I examined the results I was able to confirm that his results were a good match to my own results. Although I have a lot of work to do in pulling together various data it appears Maxwell come from a family (MEL001) in Melbourn, Cambridgeshire who for a good number of years in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century traded as Harness Makers, Saddlers and Ironmongers in Melbourn. This result gives us 13 matches out of 18 tested, the detailed DNA results can be found on the [website](#).

## The Princess Alice Disaster - 1878

Back in Issue 9 I wrote about the Princess Alice Disaster the worst boat disaster on the River Thames in 1878 and how Arthur HAGGAR (PUT001) lost his wife Hannah (nee PARSONS) and his daughter Elizabeth Hannah in the disaster. They were among the over 600 to have lost their lives. This is a family we know little about as Arthur was one of six siblings who were born in Mortlake, Surrey (not an area where Hagers were usually found) between 1832 and 1846 to George HAGGAR and Elizabeth (nee PEARCE) who were married in 1831 at St Botolphs Without in Aldersgate, London. George appears to have been born to Thomas BOARUM and Hannah HAGGAR at Shephall, Hertfordshire in 1795. I would really like to find out more about this family.



The Princess Alice

## Irene Evelyn HAGGER (nee Bolton)

Just before Christmas my Aunt Irene passed away and so my own branch of the Haggers now only numbers two myself and my wife. Irene was married to my Dads brother Stanley Leslie and as I am an only child and had two daughter who both married and Stanley and Irene had three daughters all now married we are getting near the end of this HAGGER line (THE011).

One thing at the funeral I discovered about Irene was that she wrote poetry and I reproduce one here:

### Hallo

Telephones are very good  
You can keep them by your side  
Or slip them in your pocket  
And take them for a ride.

But sometimes things go slightly wrong  
You will get a chatty call, and  
Only find out half way through  
'Twas not for you at all.

With some surprise they interrupt  
The things you want to say  
Then settle down to have a chat  
And ask about your day.

I've had some pleasant talks like this  
And never mind a bit  
That their fingers have gone just off key  
And the wrong one they have hit.

Irene



Irene with her  
husband Stanley



The war grave of Henry William HAGGER (THE015) at Daours Cemetery on the Somme in France. Henry was born in 1899 and died in 1918. More information on Henry William HAGGER appears on the [Guild of One-Name Studies First World War Centenary Website](#).

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## Hagger Get Together

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Martin and Mike Hagger will be at the Fox & Duck, Therfield, Hertfordshire for lunch and I am sure they will be delighted to meet up with any other Hagger researchers, unfortunately I cannot join them this year. After lunch they will be moving to Kelshall Village hall for the North Herts Village Research Group meeting at 2 pm. If you do plan to go send me an email and I will let Martin and Mike know to expect you.

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