

THOMAS & MARY HAGAN
OF
CHARLES CO., MARYLAND

AND THEIR DESCENDANTS
IN CENTRAL KENTUCKY
TO ABOUT 1850

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INTRODUCTION

This manuscript traces the family of Thomas Hagan, a Catholic, who arrived in Maryland in 1662 and settled eventually in Charles Co., MD. He married Mary and had nine children: James, Mary Sarah, Charity, Ann, Elizabeth, Thomas, Ignatius, William. From them descend a veritable host of families. By the mid eighteenth century, the Hagans began to move out into Frederick and Prince George Co, MD. Then after the American Revolution, these Hagans immigrated with many other Catholic families of southern Maryland to central Kentucky and settled mainly in southern Nelson Co. and the surrounding areas of Washington and Marion Co. From there some migrated further to western Kentucky and Perry Co. MO and beyond.

Since my mother's maiden name is also Hagan, I became interested in larger problem, especially the sorting out of the families who moved to Nelson, Marion, and Washington Counties during the late 1700's and early 1800's. Anyone who has looked carefully at the problems realizes that there is not quite enough information to sort things out properly. By the time of the fourth and fifth generations, the repetition of common names such as James and Elizabeth, makes it difficult to keep people straight. Wills were not drawn up, and church records do not begin in earnest until the early 1820's. The obstacles make the project interesting, and, despite the lacunae, there is much information around. For the most part, the Hagans were farmers, and the information about them is found mainly in wills, deeds, and marriage records. They were basically a Catholic family, and where church records exists, baptisms and marriage records elucidate their growing families.

The information in this manuscript depends heavily on the earlier work especially of Mrs. Martha Pikell, Mrs. Mary Jo Maguire, and Br. Thomas Spalding. Mrs. Pikell produced a typescript which summarizes her information on the Hagan family, but it is only a synopsis of her work. She makes reference in a letter to a file in the public library in Kansas City, KS, but I have not seen that file. Mrs. Maguire has worked particularly on the Ignatius line, but she has spent much energy and time on every aspect of this complex family. Br. Thomas has collected their work along with his into a file that traces the history of their conjectures and discoveries.

To this foundation, I have added my own work along with the more recent research of others. I have tried to note carefully those contributions, especially Mrs. Cecilia Keeling, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Pauline Jones, Mr. Bert Hagan, Mr. Jessie Hagan, and Mr. Gerald Thompson among others.

As with any family history which focuses on a single family name, the research tends to give prominence to the men while the women are lost in other families. Still effort is being made to elucidate those lines in order to understand the full reach of this family, for they carry the Hagan tradition as much as those who bear the name of Hagan.

Some of the information gathered lists family relationships without providing the evidence to prove the relationship. This manuscript lists that unproved information because the genealogists listed above have proved their own worth. Still unsubstantiated relationships should be used as clues rather than as evidence. My own conjectures are marked with question marks. In the past, some conjectures have proved true; some have proved false. I would be happy to have any information that establishes the facts whatever it might be. I would also be glad to add any information on the Hagan family up to 1850, more or less. I have used that date more or less as a cut off because the U.S. census of that year begins to list everyone in a household by name. As a result, it becomes much easier to trace families. Also by 1850, the Thomas Hagan family has already grown to immense size.

Many of the children of Ignatius Hagan, the Planter, moved on to Missouri, and these families have been traced by in *Maryland Catholics on the Frontier*. This document provides enough information to show the link but does not reproduce that monumental work.

System of Designation: I have followed the system begun by Tim O'Rourke in his *Maryland Catholics on the Frontier*. Thomas Hagan, the immigrant, is designated as "A"; his children as AA, AB, AC, etc. The third generation has three letters, the fourth has four letters, and so on. To avoid clogging the text with more and more letters, I have given the full citation only at the beginning of a new family; for example:

A. Thomas
AA. William

AAA. John m Mary

Children:

A. Monica m John Boarman
B. Joseph

Monica's full letters would be "AAAA," and Joseph's "AAAB" indicating that they are the fourth generation. I have indexed all the women under both their maiden name and their married name(s). Thus Monica can be found in the index both as "Monica Hagan" (one of several) and as "Monica Boarman." However, the indexing system of WordPerfect 5.1 is foolproof; still the index should be helpful.

Abbreviations: The most prevalent is MP = "Martha Pikell." The other is MJM or just "Maguire" which refers to Mary Jo Maguire. BTS refers to the file of Br. Thomas Spalding, CFX which I received from Mr. Jessie Hagan.

Since the computer makes it easy to run new editions, I shall be updating the material in the future and would appreciate any new information.

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THOMAS HAGAN, THE IMMIGRANT

Most of the Hagan families of Maryland and Kentucky trace their family lines back to the immigrant Thomas Hagan who arrived in Maryland in 1662. The following is a "biography" by Martha Pikell who was one of the foremost authorities on the Hagan family. As far as I know, this summary exists only in typescript and was never published:

Thomas Hagan, the immigrant, was born about 1645, giving his age in a deposition of 1715 as "Seventy odd Yeares" (Patents 3:235). He arrived in the late summer of 1662 as a servant of John Meekes. He may have come by way of Barbados.

The first record concerning him was an oath he took in the October Court of Charles Co., MD to the effect that a consignment of sugar from the freight of John Meekes out of Barbados into Virginia had been delivered to a certain resident of Maryland (MD Archives, LIII, 400). When Meekes attempted to extend Hagan's time of service shortly after their arrival in Maryland, the new indenture, dated 12 Aug 1662, was invalidated as contrary to a law of the Assembly, "whereupon the sayd Meekes in open Court declared him to bee a free man" (MD Archives LIII, 400-401). In August 1665, Thomas Hogan sought a warrant against James Lindsey for an unspecified transgression but in November the suit was dropped (MD Archives, LIII, 595, 608).

It was not until 1670 that Thomas Hagan demanded 50 acres for his time of service (Patents 12:594). On June 9 of that year 100 acres called "Newcastle" was surveyed for him and George Akeeth (Aisquith) in Newton Hundred, St. Mary's County (Rent rolls). About the same time, he married. The surname of his wife Mary is not known. [In another place, Mrs. Pikell conjectures that it might have been Aisquith on the basis of some land settlements involving Mary Hagan and the Aisquith family.] In August 1672, a tract of 150 acres called Correct Measure (Cadock Measure) was surveyed for him in the same hundred (Rent Rolls).

He soon moved back to Charles Co. where in 1678 a tract called "St. James" was surveyed for him. Originally 200 acres, it was resurveyed in 1714 for 317 acres. In 1695 "Good Intent" containing 650 acres was also surveyed for him, and in 170? a tract called "Clare" was resurveyed for 235 acres and patented to him in 1710. From Major William Boarman, he also purchased portions of "Content" and "Lanternam" - 140 acres in all (Deeds: D #2:54) and will of Major Boarman. by the time of his death, this former servant had acquired through his own industry over 1,500 acres of land. The Charles County holdings lay in Bryantown Hundred, in a northern part of the county known as "Zachia Swamp."

Thomas Hagan made his will on 20 March 1714 (1715 O.S.) to his wife, Mary, he left the tract on which he lived, "St. James, and two parcels of land purchased from Major Boarman, which was to go to his son, William, at her death. To his son, James, he left 350 acres of "Good Intent" and to his son, Ignatius, he left 200 acres of "Good Intent" and 65 acres acquired from Major Boarman an confirmed in the latter's will.

To his son, Thomas, he left all of "Clare" which adjoined "Good Intent." To his daughter, Mary Baggott, he left 100 acres of "Good Intent." To sons, Thomas and Ignatius, he also left "Correct Measure" in St. Mary's County, at the end of Nevitt's Creek.

To his daughters, Sarah Edelen, Charity Green, Ann Smith, and Elizabeth Clarkson, he bequeathed a token ten shillings each, indicating he had already provided for them. All of his personal

estate he bequeathed to his wife, Mary and to his son, William, at her decease. The Will was proved in court 21 Feb 1715/6 by William Boarman, Jr., John Gates, and Joseph Gates (Chas. Co. Liber 14:213).

Thomas Hagan was still living in the fall of 1715, however, when as Thomas Hagan, planter, he submitted a deposition concerning the boundaries of "Lanternam" which adjoined the property of Richard Edelen (Patents: 3:235).

The inventory of his estate was taken by John Dent and William Boarman on 10 Mar 1715/6. It showed a personal estate worth £173-16-9 and included three slaves, 24 head of cattle, 36 hogs, and three horses. James and Thomas signed as "highest of kin" (Chas. Co. Inv. 1677-1717, f. 418). In all probability Thomas Hagan was wealthier than the Inventory indicates having already giving much of his personal property to his children. A final settlement was made 13 Jun 1717 by Mary Hagan, the Executrix. It included a disbursement of 500 lbs. of tobacco for the funeral sermon. delivered unnamed (Chas. co. Accts. 1708-1738, f. 126).

The will of the widow, Mary Hagan was drawn 8 Apr 1721 and proved on 4 Feb 1626 (1727 USA). She left everything to her son, William (Chas. Co. Wills, 19:26-27).

FAMILY OF THOMAS HAGAN, IMMIGRANT 1662

FIRST GENERATION

A. THOMAS HAGAN b 1743/5¹
Arr'd in MD in 1662 and October of that year declared free of his
indenture to John Meekes²
Will made on 20 March 1714 was probated on 21 Feb 1715/16³
m MARY ?Aisquith? in Md; her will proved 4 Feb 1726⁴

Children of Thomas and Mary Hagan:⁵

AA. William	d 1772	m Eleanor Hanson
AB. James	1671-1749	m Elizabeth Langsworth
AC. Ignatius	1686-1765	m Rebecca Lowe 2m Magdalen Thompson
AD. Thomas	1683/4-1742/3	m Sarah Mudd
AE. Mary		m John Baggott

¹ In a Chancery Deposition in 1715, Thomas Hagan, Planter, gives his age as 70 odd years: Thomas Hagan of the afs. County [i.e. Charles], Planter aged seventy odd years being sworn and examined at the afsd Spanish oak deposeth and saith that about twenty years ago when he took up his land Good Intent Mr. Richard Edlin ???...told said Hagan that this oak is the beginning tree of Manwareing[?]..." PG 253.

² The full court proceedings are found in the Charles County, Maryland Proceedings of 1662 Liber B. page 179-181, in Maryland Archives, LIII. As best I can determine, John Meekes transported Thomas Hagan (spelled Hogen, Howgin, Hogin) into the colony of Maryland on a ship named the "Catch." Meeks and Thomas Hagan then entered into another indenture on 12 Aug 1662 for two more years of service. Seemingly, Thomas Hagan then found out that a master could not renew and indenture and therefore with the help of his attorney John Waltom! brought the matter before the court. Meeks, being informed of the law of the colony, sets Thomas Hagan free in court. The year is either 1662 or 1663. I cannot tell from the zerox pages before me.

³ The will of Thomas Hagan is appended to the end of this section.

⁴ *Maryland Calendar of Wills*, vol. VI, p 5: Charles Co.; 8 Apr 1721, 4 Feb 1726: "To Son William, Ex., entire estate." Test. Thomas Webster, Thomas Jameson. L 19, f 26.

Anna Hamilton says that Mary's maiden name was Boarman, but she gives not a reference. I find this hard to believe. Martha Pikell wonders whether Mary "were a 'Aisquith' as [Thomas Hagan] and George Akeeth (sic) bought land; then in 1685 she and others sold land to George Glover. I've though perhaps he might be one of her family, and they were clearing up an estate, but I have never found anything about him." From a letter to Mrs. Florence T. Lovejoy, 28 Mar 1981.

⁵ The order of the children is that given in the will of Thomas Hagan. As such it has become the "traditional" order. However, Martha Pikell also gives the "approximate" order of birth as follows: James, Mary Sarah, Charity, Ann, Elizabeth, Thomas, Ignatius, William. She also says: "Mary may have been the youngest daughter."

AF. Sarah d after 1727 m Richard Edelen⁶

AG. Charity 1m Francis Greene⁷
 2m William McAtee

AH. Ann m John Smith of "Jordan"⁸
 2m? James Thompson⁹

⁶ A full account of the Edelen family is given Henry Wright Newman in *Charles County Gentry*, pp 123ff. Cf. also *Genealogical History of Our Ancestors*, compiled by Wm. Kenneth Rutherford and Anna Clay (Zimmerman) Rutherford, vol. 2, revised edition, privately published 1977, p 36.

Richard Edelen is the son of Richard Edelen Sr. (c1635-1694/5) and Elizabeth Banton, who married on 23 Oct 1663, London, England and, being Catholics, emigrated to Maryland in 1664-65. Richard Jr. (c1671-1760) married first Sarah Hagan who is thought to be mother of most of his children since she died after 1727. Then he married Ann Neale, d/o Raphael Neale and finally Anne d/o Ignatius & Sophia (Beedle) Craycroft. Richard Jr.'s children are as follows:

- a. Richard m Margaret Neale
- b. Mary m Benjamine Neale
- c. Philis m Jane Gardiner
- d. Edward m Susannah Wathen
- e. Thomas m Mary Blandford
- f. Winifred m William Boarman
- g. dau m Bennett Neale
- h. Jane m Thomas James Boarman, their daughter Mary married Charles Boone

⁷ Francis Green was the son of Leonard and Prudence (Cooper) Green; Leonard was s/o Francis and Elizabeth Green, and Francis was s/o Governor Thomas and Winifred Green. Cf. *Mad Semmes and Kindred Families*, 156-157, 165. Children:

- a. Clothida Green m Arnold Elder
- b. Benedict Green 1759-18-- m Catherine ??? dates are certainly too late; wrong?

From pms File: Francis Green sold 200A of "Green's Inheritance" 19 Apr 1759; no wife waived dower. His will probated 20 Apr 1758 bequeathed to daughter thence to Robert Doyne, nephew. In case his wife died, then his sister, Mary Livers and Robert Doyne are to be Clothilda's guardians.

⁸ I believe that following will from Baldwin II;61 (Liber 4, fol. 96) is the correct family:

Will of Jno. Smith, Charles County, 13 Apr 1716 - 16 Nov 1710.

To son Jno. and hrs dwelling plantation, ---, 300 A., and personalty after decease of testator's wife.

Son Martha [sic!] (son of Jno.), personalty

dau Priscilla (wife of Jno More) and hrs 200A. adj. the 200A deed to Jno. More (for description see will) and personalty

dau Elizabeth and hrs., 300 A adj Jno. More's and running from Suckia Swamp westward to outside line of the Manor, and personalty.

dau Sarah and Hrs, 300A on s. side Jordan's Branch, and personalty

wife Ann, dwelling plantation, ----, during life; at her decease to son Jno and hrs, and residue of personalty during life. After her decease to children afsd (for description of portions allotted to children, see will)

Exs: Sons Jno. Smith and Jno More (jointly). Test: Owen Reed, Thos Allin, Jno Brymer, Sam'l Smith.

⁹ According to Maguire's notes, one Ann Hagan married James Thompson; their daughter Ann then married William Hagan s/o Ignatius s/o Thomas Hagan. However I have this William listed listed as a son of Thomas Hagan, Jr.

AI. Elizabeth

1m Wm. Clarkson, Jr.¹⁰
2m James Neale¹¹

WILL OF THOMAS HAGAN

Thomas Hagan's will is found in Liber 14 pages 213-214, dated 29 Mar 1714, and probated 2 Feb 1716. An inventory of his estate was taken on 16 Mar 1715; Charles Co. Liber XIV 213; inventory Chas. Co. Accts 1708-1738, f 126. Liber 14, ff 213-214 .

NOTE: The will of Thomas Hagan is clearly recorded in the will book as that of "Thomas Hagoe." The recorder mistook "an" for "oe." The will is clearly that of Thomas Hagan because the land given to his sons appears in their wills where they are clearly named "Hagan."

In the name of God Amen: I Thomas Hagoe of Charles County in the Province of Maryland, Planter, being infirm of Body but of sound and perfect memory do now make this my last Will & Testament as follows —

Imprimis I bequeath my Soul to God that gave it, my Body to the Earth (after my decease) to be decently buried at the Charges of my Estate and discretion of my Executor hereafter mentioned

Item I will that my just Debts and funeral charges be first paid —

Item I constitute and ordain my loving wife Mary Hagoe whole and Sole Executrix of this my Last Will & Testament to whom the aforesaid Mary, my wife, I give and bequeath the Plantation and Tract of Land I now Dwell upon Called by the name of "St. James" lying in Charles Co. Containing Three hundred acres of Land, as also two parcells of Land, one bought of Major William Boreman Containing fifteen the other bought of Mr. Wm. Boreman Containg Sixty Acres of Land during her natural life and after her decease to my Son Wm Hagoe to him and his heirs forever —

Item I give unto my son James three hundred and fifty Acres of Land a part of the Tract of Land called the good intent beginning ~~Containing~~ as put in the Patent at the first bounded Tree Standing in Zackiah Swamp and so running according to the same aforesaid patent to make the just quantity of three hundred and fifty acres of land and his heirs forever —

Item I give unto my son Ignatius Hagoe two hundred Acres of Land out of the aforesaid Tract called the good intent binding upon his aforesaid brother James' and running according to the Patent of the aforesaid Land to make up the just and full quantity of two hundred acres of Land as also I give unto the aforesaid Ignatius, my son, a Tract of Land containing sixty-five acres bought Major Wm. Boreman and made over to me by a Codicil affixed to the Last Will and Testament of the aforesaid Boreman to him and his heirs forever —

Item I give unto my son Thomas Hagoe two hundred and fifty acres of Land binding upon the good intent and Mjr Wm.Boarmans which I purchased my Ld. Baltimore called by the name of "Clare" to him

¹⁰ *Across the Years in Prince George Co.*, 214-219: They were married 22 Nov 1713, he the s/o Wm. & Ruth Clarkson, d 1736. Children:

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| A. Thomas Clarkson | b 14 Sep 1714 |
| B. William Clarkson | b 10 Feb 1716 |
| C. Mary Clarkson | b 18 Oct 1717 |
| D. Elizabeth Clarkson | b 6 Oct 1721 |
| E. Edward Clarkson | b 6 Oct 1721 (sic!) |

¹¹From Maguire File: James Neal, 1694-1731/2 married Elizabeth Hagan and had a daughter Elizabeth Neale. This information conflicts with the previous note which says Wm Clarkson died in 1736.

