

THE SEVERAL JAMES HAGANS OF NELSON CO. IN THE EARLY 1800S

ACD. James on Census of Chas. Co. in 1776 and 1790³⁵⁶
d c1803, Nelson Co.
m Mary

Children:

a. Julian[ne]

b. Mary Magdalen m Aquilla Hagan; cf. section on Basil Hagan

c. son?

ACBD. James Aquilla b 1775/88³⁵⁷; moved to MO and died there in Perry Co. 30 Aug 1851
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m Mary Tucker, 27 Feb 1797, Nelson Co.

ADCBB. James s/o Edward, s/o James and Monica Hagan
retarded, according to one reference

³⁵⁶ "James of Ignatius" is listed 1778 Census of Md, Chas. Co. Bryantown Hundred; also in 1790 Census of Chas Co.: males, 1 16+, 1 16-; females 3. A second "James" is also listed in 1778 census; who is he?

The 1800 "Census" of Ky lists three James Hagan's plus James A(quilla?) in Nelson Co. Martha Pikell gathered the following information on a James living on Froman Creek:

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³⁵⁷ According to the 1850 Census, Quiller Hagan was 62 farmer, \$1,080 with R. 27 f. L. 25f, and Pius 18m.

ADCF. James, Jr. b c1754
 private in the Maryland Line³⁵⁸
 m? Sarah McAdams, d/o J.W. McAdams by 1789³⁵⁹
 d 30 Dec 1829

Children of the James Hagan who fought in the American Revolution:³⁶⁰
A. Francis E. b Dec 1789 d Jan-Mar 1843³⁶¹
 m Elizabeth Mattingly, bond 8 Sept 1812, Nelson

³⁵⁸ ST Scharf, *History of Western Maryland*, p 153: James Hagan, corporal of the State Militia, was granted plot #3087 of the vacant lands west of Fort Cumberland by the State Assembly, Nov 1781.

According to A. Hamilton, this Cpl. James is the son of James Sr., and she in *Genealogy of Thomas Clark Hagan*, p 7. She provides a photocopy of pension application and says: "James Hagan appeared before Nelson Co Court and gave his age as 66 years. He states he enlisted in Maryland in 1776 in Captain John Smith's Company (The 4th Regiment). His wife, aged 56 and 2 daughters, are living with him. He served in the 4th Regiment and later transferred to the Second Maryland Regiment under the command of Col Ford. He served from 1776 to August 1883 when he was discharged by Col. Brumby. He fought in the battle of Brandywine, Germantown, Camden, Guilford Courthouse and Eutaw Springs. He was shot in the hip during the last battle. Walter Hagan [also a soldier in the Revolution? cf. Other Hagans] made oath that James Hagan was in the war for six or seven years, and he was in service as late as 1781; warrant s-36003.

Also HW Newman, *Maryland Revolutionary Records*: Hagan, James, b 1874, pvt, wounded. AC Quisenberry, *Revolutionary Soldiers in Kentucky* (1982), p 132: James Hagan, private, Maryland line, age 80, died 30 Dec 1829, of Nelson Co.

Samuel McAdams and Sarah Hagan McAdams in deed book 6, p 546 (1805) sold to James Hagan Jr. the home place located between Holy Cross Church in Marion Co and Gethsemene near New Hope. Anna Hamilton, *Thomas Clarke Hagan*, p. 8. James is shown on the 1802 tax list with 100 A on Pottinger's Creek, and in 1805 he has 231 acres through 1820 when my records ends.

³⁵⁹ I do not know where I got the record that James Hagan married Sarah McAdams. The one piece of evidence that points to a relationship is the deed in which Samuel and Sarah (Hagan?, his sister?) sold James Hagan land for five shillings which seems like a paltry sum of money perhaps suggesting that blood was somehow part of the bargain. Deed Bk 6, p 546 (1805). According to Anna Hamilton, this land was part of the home place located between Holy Cross Church in Marion Co and Gethsemene near New Hope; *Thomas Clarke Hagan*, p. 8.

According to my calculations, this James would not have married Sarah Hagan, d/o Ignatius Sr. because she would have been his first cousin; she instead married James s/o Bennet. There is a proliferation of James Hagans, but in the tax rolls of 1796, 1799, 1800, 1801, there are only three, and they would be James, Jr. s/o James and Monica, James s/o Bennet, and James, s/o Ignatius AC and husband of Mary.

³⁶⁰ From A. Hamilton's genealogy of Thomas Clarke Hagan: From the Hardin County Court Order, Elizabethtown Kentucky, p 184, Monday, 9 Aug 1830: This day Henry Alvey a disinterested and reputable witness came into Court and made Oath that James Hagan (who always represented that he was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War) departed this life on the 30th day of December 1829 and that the wife of said Hagan departed this life long before him, also that Francis E Hagan, Thomas C. Hagan, William Hagan, Mary Ann Riney, and John B. Riney her husband, and Ann Hagan are all the heirs of the said James Hagan that he ever heard of and that they are all over 21 years of age.

³⁶¹ Nelson Co. Will Book 4, page 70. Will of Francis Hagan, made 17 Jan 1843 and probated 13 Mar 1843, leaves his estate to wife -llen Hagan (including interest in negroes belonging to the heirs of James Hagan, dec'd) Executrix, Ellen Hagan. Wit. George L Miles, John H Tolbott, Joseph Hagan. From Annie Walker Burns' Abstracts of the Wills of Nelson Co. KY, 1784-1851. Even though the name of the wife is Ellen and not Elizabeth, Gerald Thompson, puts the will here.

Cemetery Records of St. Catherine, New Have list Francis Hagan 55 with no date and his wife Elizabeth age 91 6 months, no date.

?2m Ellender Hagan, bond, 11 Apr 1836, Nelson Co.

B. Ann

b 1790

C. Thomas Clarke

b 7 Jul 1793, Berkeley Co. VA d 7 Mar 1875
m Tabitha Wedding, 24 Feb 1816, Nelson Co. bond

D. William

b 1795
m? Mary E. Drury, 3 Jan 1814, Nelson, Co.

E. Mary Ann

m John P. Riney, 2 Nov 1825, Nelson Co. bond

II/AG. James³⁶² b c1776?³⁶³

d 1822-1824

m Sarah Hagan, bond 12 Feb 1798, named as sister of Hezekiah Hagan, and seemingly d/o Ignatius, ADB

Children:

A. Richard

B. Francis

C. Raphael

D. Elias/Pius dsp 1840³⁶⁴

E. Lucindy evidently not married in 1840; cf. under Elias

F. Augustus

G. Christina m Stanislaus Burch, bond 31 Jan 1817, Nelson Co.

H. Eleanor "Nelly" m Charles Hayden, bond 3 Jun 1820, Nelson Co.

³⁶² Nelson County Clerk's Office, Will Book E, pp 170-171: In his will, James Hagan names "my loving wife Sarah Hagan...my loving son Richard...my son Francis...my son Raphel...my son Pius? [name is not legible]...my daughter Lucindy...my son Augustus...and I appoint my two sons in law to be the sole executors of my estate namely Stanislaus Burch and Charles Hayden." Dated 2 Nov 1822; probated 19 July 1824. Witnesses: Edward Hagan, John Hagan, Mary Dawson.

Estate Papers of James Hagan in Nelson Co Clerk's Office, Box 21: heirs listed as Augustus Hagan, Raphael Hagan, Lucinda Hagan, Nelly Haydon (late Hagan), Richard Hagan, Francis Hagan, and Sarah Hagan widow. Dated 17 Dec 1842. (Or did I mean to write 1824?) (why isn't Christina listed here?)

Note: Pius or maybe Elias (or whatever this is suppose to read) is not listed in the estate paper.

³⁶³ He appears on the Nelson Co. tax list for the first time in 1796 as an adult.

³⁶⁴ Nelson Co. Will book 3, p 131: Will of Elias Hagan, made 27 Aug 1840, probated 14 Sept 1840; estate to three sisters: Christiana Burch, Ellon Hayden, and Lucinda Hagan. Exec. Stanislaus L. Burch. Wit: James W. McKeigney, James B---. From Annie Walker Burns' 1933 Abstracts of the Wills of Nelson Co. KY 1784-1851, p 47.

Sometime in the 1970's, Mrs. Maguire wrote a short analysis of the problem of identifying the early James Hagens of Nelson Co. The name of James appears for the first time on the Nelson Co. tax records in 1791, and then in 1793. In 1796 three appear on the tax lists of the county. In the next year a James Aquilla Hagan appears, but as Mrs. Maguire notes, he is not a problem, and she disregards him as I shall. As for the three James who appear in 1796, two are listed in the southern part of the county along Pottinger Creek, and the third was a part of the list for the northern part of the county.

The northern James appears on the tax lists from 1796 to 1801 with no land. In 1802, however, Mary Hagan appears in the same part of the county, and a Mary Hagan appears on the tax lists 1816 with 40 acres except for the last year when she has no land. She is the widow of James since she "widow" and her daughters Julian and Mary Magdalen, "heirs to James Hagan, dec'd" buy 40 acres of land in 1803.³⁶⁵ According to Martha Pikell, this man is "James of Ignatius" (ACD) listed in the 1778 Census of Md, Chas. Co. Bryantown Hundred; also in 1790 Census of Chas Co.: males, 1 16+, 1 16-; females 3.

We return now to the two southern James Hagens.

As is clear from the will of James Hagan (1776), husband of Monica (Johnson) Hagan, they had a son named James. Monica came to Kentucky in 1785 with her three sons (Edward, James, and Clement) and her five daughters (Mary, Susannah, Sarah, Aliege, and Tabitha). This James seems to be the one who appears with his brothers as a tithable in 1791, and, as Mrs. Maguire notes, "was undoubtedly the other male 21 or over living with Edward in 1792 and 1794." In 1795 this James is not listed either by name or as an adult living with Edward or with Monica who appears on the lists for the first time.

As noted above, a second James appears in the 1796 tax list: Enoch, Randolph, James, Bennet, James, Monica, Edward. His appearance offers two possibilities: James had just moved to KY, or he turned twenty-one between the summers of 1795 and 1796 and was a son of an existing family.

At the time of Mrs. Maguire's research, Enoch, Randolph, and Benet were considered sons of Ignatius³ (Thomas², Thomas¹). However, it now seems clear that Enoch and Randolph were sons of Benet. The basis for this lies in a settlement of the heirs of Benet who sell land to Randolph Hagan. James however is not listed in this settlement but has been listed as a son of Benet on the basis of the tax rolls given

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A second Mary Hagan dies in 1811 and leaves four children: Nelson Co. Will book B 320: She calls for her property to "be equally divided between my four children Berlinda Hagan, Elizabeth Hagan, Walter Hagan, and Benjamin Hagan. I further constitute and appoint my friend Nicholas Miles Sen. my executor..." Dated 18 Jul 1811. Witnesses: Burr Harrison, Anthony Sanders, Henry Beaven Jr. Probated 19 Jul 1811. It is not clear who her husband is.

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above where he falls between Randolph and Bennet.³⁶⁶ However, this seems very suspect.

On 12 Feb 1798, a James Hagan marries Sarah Hagan. The bond is signed by Hezekiah her "brother," and Ann is named as her mother.³⁶⁷ Generally Hezekiah is considered the son of Ignatius and Ann (Gardiner) Hagan, Sr. (Thomas², Thomas¹). Ignatius, Sr. dies c1795.³⁶⁸ While some have proposed that Sarah Hagan was the daughter of James and Monica Hagan, this is not true because the brother and mother named are Hezekiah and Ann. The basis for this conjecture was perhaps the fact that Mary (Hagan) Dawson, the eldest child of James and Monica, also witnesses the marriage. The link between these people and the Monica Hagan family is also underlined in the will of this James Hagan who dies between 1822-1824 and names the following in his will:

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³⁶⁶ In 1797 tax rolls (no dates) the following unbroken grouping appears: James Jr. Hezekiah, Randolph, Enoch, Bennet, Aquilla, James Sr., Edward, Monica, Clement, and Joseph. The designations Sr. and Jr. at this period may only mean older and younger rather than father and son. In 1799 Monica, James, and Edward appear together on Apr 5 while James, Randolph, and Enoch appear together on Apr 18. In 1800 James, James, and Hezekiah appear on 16 May together after the Benjamin Hagan family (Benjamin, Edward, Nicholas) with Caleb, Randolph, Enoch, Edward, and Monica appearing together on 5 Jun.

³⁶⁷ Also a James Hagan, perhaps Sarah's husband, signs the bond for Hezekiah 10 Feb 1800.

³⁶⁸ In 1795 three Ignatius are listed on the tax rolls of Nelson Co. Two are father and son: Ignatius Sr. with 170 acres and Ignatius Jr. The other is listed in 1794 as Ignatius, Jos., i.e. the son of Joseph (Ignatius², Thomas¹). In 1796 on, there appear only two men named Ignatius.

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According to A.C. Quisenberry (Revolutionary soldiers in Kentucky (1982; p. 132), James Hagan died at the age of 80. That would make his date of birth about 1749. This would put the date of his pension application as 1815. Unfortunately, the name of his wife is not given, and therefore she is presumed dead.

The 1810 Census of Kentucky lists two by the name of James Hagan;

			0-10	10-16	16-26	26-45	45+	slaves
James Hagan:	male	2	2	0	0	1		
	fmle		0	0	0	0	1	0
James Hagan:	male	3	0	0	2	0		
	fmle	1	1	0	1	0	3	

The main difference here is the age of the two James. the first was born before 1765, and the second after 1765. James the Revolutionary Soldier was born about 1749 and would have been about 60 years old in 1810; so he would fit the 45+ category. However the children do not match. He had three boys and two girls. Seemingly all of his sons were over 10 in 1810, and no daughters are listed.

The younger James first appears on the tax role in 1796 which would make his birth year about 1775. He and his wife had five boys and three girls. Since they were only married in 1798, this statistics for the younger James here in the 1810 Census would seem to match.

No one appears on the 1820 federal census by the name of James Hagan, but two appear on the 1820 Nelson Co. tax rolls.

p 33 Smith's roll James Hagan 1 0 0 2
Smith's list includes: Thomas C, James, Henry, John

p 35 Hall's roll: James Hagan, 233 acres, Pott Ck 1 3 5 7

³⁷⁰ Hardin County Court Order, Elizabethtown Kentucky, p 184, Monday, 9 Aug 1830; from A. Hamilton's genealogy of Thomas Clarke Hagan:

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Hall's list includes: Hezekiah, James (233A), Edwd (400A), Francis

Thomas C would seem to be Thomas Clark, the son of the revolutionary soldier. In this case, the James, the Revolutionary soldier, would seem to be the one on Smith's lists. Then the other James living in the southern part of the county on Pottinger's Creek with 233 acres would be the younger one who was the brother-in-law of Hezekiah.

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