

## John Eagar Family

The Eagar name has been spelled in many ways beginning as far as is known with the 1st Earl of Kent in 853. There were Ealcher, Aucher(Saxon), Auger, Eggar, Egger, etc.

There was a Kentish Gentleman in 1066 named Walter Fitz-Auger, followed by Thomas Fitz-Auger who was Lord of the Manor of Loshenhan in Kent. A Henry Fitz-Auger who was with Edward 1st and fought in the seige of Carlaverock.

There was John Eger Esquire, County of Surrey who changed his name to John Eagar in 1783.

There was a Charles Agar who was archbishop of Cashel, later earl of Normanton. The County of Kerry was under his diocese.

In 1784 a general meeting was held to come to an agreement on the spellings at which it was agreed to change the final syllable to "agar", Some kept the spelling of Agar.

In the 1600s there were Eagers in counties, Kent, Surrey and Lincolnshire.

The first Eagar of our line with positive identification was Robert Eagar who married a Miss Hamilton. He was a major in the army of King Charles 1st. He settled in the County of Queens.

Robert had a son named Alexander who married Rose daughter of Captain O'Toole of Limerick. He died in 1698 or 99.

Alexander sold property in the County of Queens and settled in the County of Kerry in 1660 about the time of the Restoration.

Alexander became the proprietor and resident of the Ballymalis Castle about 1667. It is now a National Monument in Ireland (number 364).

Alexander served under General Ludlow in Cromwell's army.

In 1674 Alexander bought the lands of Tarmons and Currane, Currane Lake and Skellig Island. After buying this property he exchanged it for the remainder of the Ballymalis property and for Kilbonane - later called Cottage and Culleenymore.

Alexander had one daughter, Rose, who married Captain Clarke.

Alexander had six sons. The eldest was born about 1665.

The Eagar name died out in two of the lines of descendency.

### John Eagar (Eagar) Second Branch.

John was the third son of Alexander. He married Dorothea, daughter of Philip Tallis Sovereign (Mayor) of Dingle.

John had two daughters, Rose, b. 1716, married to Robert Saunders and Lucy b. 1718 and married to Murrough Moriarty and six sons: Robert, Philip, James, John, Francis (our direct line) and Alexander.

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John inherited from his father the lands of Culeenymore. He acquired the lands of Ordinane and Rathmilode in 1710.

John's fifth son, Francis was born in 1710. He married Honoria, daughter of Thomas Hickson of Dingle. Francis died at Brackloon in

1772. He had five daughters and six sons.

The third son of Francis and Honoria was Thomas who was the direct ancestor of the Eagars in Arizona. He was born in 175?, married about 1779 an Elizabeth, daughter of Dominick Rice of Dingle. He died about 1799. There were four sons and four daughters of the marriage.

The third son of Francis and Honoria, Thomas was born Jan. 1st 1791 in the County of Tralee and emigrated to the U.S. in 1810.

Thomas first married a Mary Ann (Sally) Leonard who died in childbirth, aged 24 years on June 5, 1821. The child died also. He married second Lucy Buell, born Sept. 23, 1803, daughter of Joseph Buell and Hannah Rider. Thomas Eagar ran a hotel at Auburn, N.Y. where a federal prison was being built. He died June 9, 1840.

Thomas and Lucy had eight children, one set of twins of which one twin lived only a few months. After the death of Thomas, Lucy joined the church and she and her children sailed to the west coast and all settled in the San Francisco area except John, the eldest. Lucy died Dec. 5, 1888 at Monterey, California.

John Eagar joined Mormon Battalion men and crossed the Sierras when the Battalion built the first road across them in 1848.  
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Letter from E.F.Eagar of England

The Grove House  
Charlton Kings  
Cheltenham, England  
24th August 1954

Dear Mr. Eagar,

Many thanks for your letter dated 5th August, which I was very glad to get - your records tally exactly with mine as far as your great grandfather Thomas, (son of Francis Eagar of Cuel).

My records cease with the words "settled in America" as regards Thomas and his brother Dominick. I am therefore delighted to be able to add his descendants to my family records, and am most grateful to you for sending me your line of descent.

Francis is a very common name in the family. My great grandfather Francis Russell Eagar fought in the Peninsular war with the 31st Regiment. One of my brothers, also Francis Russell Eagar, was killed in action in 1915 in Northern France.

By all means copy my letters for your brothers, sisters and children. I am pleased to have connected up with yet another branch of our numerous family.

I have never been able to trace the birthplace of Robert Eagar - he spelt his name Eager, by the way! So did his son John Eager of Ballinhover and his great grandson Francis. Francis Eagar of Cuel was the first of your branch of the family to adopt the present spelling.

I believe Robert Eager came to Ireland from Lincolnshire about 1650, but I have never been able to verify the connection. There are still Eagers and Egars in Lincolnshire. Another theory is that he came from Alton in Hampshire, where there have been Eggars for the last four or five hundred years. At least one of this family (whose tomb is at Alton) spelt his name Eager.

I learned of the town of Eagar (Arizona) in rather a curious way. I am a stamp collector, and the Secretary of the Philatelic Society came to me one day with an envelope with the post mark "Eagar" on it. Every envelope with the family post mark is carefully kept.

I have been adding to the family records ever since I retired from the army in 1936. (I went back to the army for the last war). I have records of members of our family resident in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, as well as in the U.S.A.

Your branch is the second branch, mine is the fourth branch. I am descended from George Eagar sixth and youngest son of Alexander Eagar. His brother John Eager of Ballyna court was the third son and he founded your (second) branch.

I enclose a few notes with details of various members of the family. They are of course incomplete. I think the best way to help you in research is for you to put any questions you want answered, and I will do my best.

Yours very sincerely,  
/s/ E. F. Eagar