

There are eighteen different ways of spelling Biggar, as follows:

Bigger, Biggair, Bigyar, Bigair, Bygair, Bigart, Biggart, Biger, Bigar, Bigaret, Biggar, Bygare, Byger, Beggert, Bigre, Begar, Beggar, O'Bearga.

His grandfather, Robert Biggar, was born in Dumfries, and educated for a minister of the Scottish Church. He was married to Mary Lawder and blest with eleven children. After leaving Scotland, Mr. Biggar settled at Queenston, Ont., Canada, where his son Hamilton, the father of the subject of this personal sketch was born in 1806. Later the family moved to Mt. Pleasant, near Brantford. Rev. Hamilton Biggar was for many years a minister of the Wesleyan Methodist church, and married Eliza Phelps Racey, daughter of James Racey, Esq., of Brantford. They also had a large family of ten children, of which Hamilton Fisk Biggar was the fourth.

Hamilton Fisk Biggar, after attending the public schools until he was eleven years of age, became an apprentice to a merchant. After completing his apprenticeship he left this vocation, entered the grammar school at Brantford, and after two years' attendance, at his father's urgent request, again engaged in mercantile pursuits, but found them so distasteful that he determined to obtain a collegiate education to prepare himself for a professional life. He matriculated at the University of Victoria, where he graduated as Bachelor of Arts in 1863, and immediately began the study of law in the office of John Cameron, Esq., at Brantford. He passed his primary examination in law at Osgood