

*Henry Morgan*  
*Sir or Biggar*  
Hamilton Fisk Biggar.

HAMILTON FISK BIGGAR was born at Oakville, Ont., Canada, March 15th, 1839. A history of his ancestors may be found in a work entitled, "Scottish Queens," in which mention is made of Flamingus, a Fleming who flourished in 1140, commonly called Baldwin De Biggar. The first Biggar recorded in history. Hugh of Biggar was his son. Sir Nicholas de Biggar flourished in 1292. The Laids of Biggar held offices of great dignity in the Royal Household of Scotland, as Lord High Chamberlain, whose ancestral seat was at Woolmet, four miles west of Edinburg, now the seat of the Earles of Weymess. Major Biggar, in the reign of Charles II, was a Royal Commissioner to investigate the charge of witchcraft against certain people.

The etymology of Biggar, according to the learned George Chambers, is to be traced to the Scotch-Irish words, Big, Soft and Thir Land. That is land lying near a river (as Biggar is on the Biggar Burn) or marsh land or moss.

Another author says that Big refers to a coarse kind of barley called Bigg or Bear and Thir land, in Bigg Thir or Barley land. Another definition is the Anglo-Saxon, Big or Bige, a corner of tuming, and that Bigthir (Biggar) was so-called from the remarkable bend which the Clyde takes at that place.

The motto of the Biggar crest is "Giving and Forgiving."