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*Gagea*

*Liliaceae*

*Gagea* certainly commemorates some member(s) of the English Gage family of both Hengrave Hall in Suffolk and Firle Place in East Sussex, as does the common name, greengage. There appear to be two possible candidates Sir William Gage (1666-1727) and Sir Thomas Gage, (1761 or 1781-1820). Unfortunately records conflict on which Gage imported fruit trees from France which were supposed to be *Reine Claudes* (honouring the wife of Francois I, 1494-1547) – the story goes that when the trees arrived at their destination their labels had been lost. Some authorities even attribute the genus name to one man and the common name to the other.