

# COLLECTION – Circa 1924 – Photo collection from England – Possibly Mrs David Wagstaff of Ledgeland Kennels – USA



Circa 1924 - England

This set of 8 snapshots may be of one of our most famous chow breeders from America, Mrs David Wagstaff of Ledgeland Kennels. She traveled many times to England to purchase breeding stock and to show chows. More research is underway to verify that this could be her or possibly an English breeder.

I am pinching myself!!!! What an incredible discovery!!!! 8  
photos (11 total) originating from England of a chow

breeder/exhibitor ..... and to top it off I have 3 more photos from a different source that picture this same woman showing the light colored chow you see in the group shot below. Those will in a separate PART TWO post. I am leaning toward the identity of this woman as being Mrs. David Wagstaff of Ledgeland Kennels in America. Below I posted 3 actual photos of her, for comparison .

SEE UPDATE FROM MRS WAGSTAFF'S GRANDAUGHTER...HOW INCREDIBLY EXCITING TO VERIFY THESE PHOTOS!

**Beatrice Wagstaff Ingham says**  
July 6, 2018 at 12:08 pm  
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## IMPORTANT UPDATE

Hi, I think you are correct on having them be mrs David Wagstaff. She. Was my grandmother and I rode in that car many times.. although this was before I was born I believe they are mrs Wagstaff.



Restored image 1920's England – from the ©Sandra Miller Collection

Mrs Wagstaff was one of the most highly regarded chow breeders (Springer Spaniels as well) in the history of our breed . Traveling abroad to England she brought back some of finest breeding stock obtainable. It comes to no surprise that she would be visiting top kennels in the area on her journeys and possibly having her photos taken with her pick dogs. I hope I am right about this “hunch” and am searching for mentions of Mrs Wagstaff visiting England in 1924 to back up these

thoughts. If there are other suggestions as to who this may be, please contact me at [studio@sandramiller.com](mailto:studio@sandramiller.com)

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BELOW ARE MORE OF MY RESTORED VERSIONS OF EACH OF THESE TINY  
PHOTOS TO HELP YOU SEE DETAILS

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[YES...another Chow with Car image for my Curated Collection](#)





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THE 3 PHOTOS BELOW ARE OF MRS. WAGSTAFF IN THE MID 1920's-early 1930s. USE FOR COMPARISON. NOTE THE DIMPLES, NOSE, MOUTH AND EYE PLACEMENT ARE VERY MUCH THE SAME AS THE WOMAN IN THE ENGLAND SNAPSHOTS. CLICK THUMBNAILED TO SEE LARGER



1926 Mrs David Wagstaff



1932 Mrs David Wagstaff



1936 Mrs Wagstaff

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England 1924 Goes with set of 8 images



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**STAY TUNED FOR PART II...THE DOG SHOW PHOTOS PLUS A  
BIG SURPRISE!!!**