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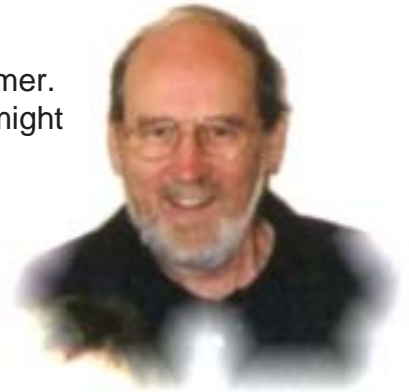
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Greetings fellow clansfolk, Are you looking forward to a visit to the Highland Games in your area this summer. Do you even know when such games might be taking place? Well, we have just the thing for you...take a look at the chart shown on page 7, kindly provided by CASSOC. Maybe you would like to represent Clan Hunter at the games. Let me know. Are you by any chance planning to attend the Fergus Highland Games in August? If so be sure to join us for the AGM followed by a lovely dinner and fun conversation with other clan members. Check out the details on page 8. and be sure to let me know you are planning to attend. There is also lots of information about the upcoming census in this issue. As you know census information is very important to all of us who are interested in our genealogy. Also in this issue, we have a very interesting article on finding some of our Canadian heroes who fell at Vimy Ridge. Hope you enjoy.



**Tom**

## The 2016 Census is coming!

Canada's next census will be conducted in May 2016. Early in May, census packages will be delivered to households across Canada, providing residents with the information they need to complete their questionnaire online or on paper. Completed questionnaires will provide valuable information that will be used by all levels of government to make decisions about your neighbourhood and community. Information obtained through the census is needed to plan services such as child care, schooling, family services, housing, public transportation and skills training for employment. Every person, young and old, must be included in the 2016 Census. For more information about the 2016 Census, visit [www.census.gc.ca](http://www.census.gc.ca).



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In 2017, Canada will be commemorating the 100th year since the battle at Vimy Ridge. Although this battle is remembered as a victory, Canada lost 3,598 soldiers and had over 7000 wounded. In genealogy, we often look to tombstones for information about our ancestors, yet many of those killed during battles in the Great War were never found and have no marked grave. The following article highlights the struggle of one particular Canadian historian who is attempting to rectify that, at least for soldiers from the Canadian Scottish regiment.

### Historian searches for lost soldiers of Vimy Ridge

*Canadian historian is seeking support for project to find soldiers hastily buried after Vimy Ridge battle and now lost in time.*

By **BRUCE CAMPION-SMITH**  
Ottawa Bureau  
Sat., April 4, 2015

Pte. Sanford Wesley Leitch was a 23-year-old who studied at Claresholm Agricultural College in Alberta before he enlisted.

Pte. Levi George Powell, 43, was a bricklayer before the war, who left wife Emma back in England.

### We are Family, I've got all my cousins with me!

At 19, Pte. Cyril Gooding had been a clerk who proudly served six years in the Royal Navy Boys Brigade only to go to war on land, in the mud.

Pte. Alfred Parsons, 19, was from Georgetown, Ont., and listed his occupation as farmer.

Pte. Edwin Ball, 36, whose wife, May, lived in their home on Oxford St., in Winnipeg.

They were soldiers in the 16th Battalion, 3rd Infantry Brigade, 1st Canadian Division, known as the **Canadian Scottish**. 98 years ago, they were part of the famed Easter Monday assault on Vimy Ridge to dislodge entrenched German troops who had repelled past attacks by British and French troops. The meticulously planned Canadian attack was a stunning success, but one that came at a terrible price. Thousands of soldiers were killed in the battle, their final resting places the cemeteries that dot the landscape around Vimy in northern France.

Thousands more were lost forever, their bodies consumed in the shell-scarred landscape or buried in hastily marked graves now lost in time. Among them were more than 40 members of the **Canadian Scottish** regiment, believed to have been buried in a makeshift grave known as CA40. Now noted Canadian military historian Norm Christie is trying to organize a project to find the bodies and give them a proper burial. "To me it's part of our heritage, a fascinating piece of history, a living history. This history is still alive in the sense that these people are still missing; their stories are not resolved," Christie said in an interview. He's

got a good idea where the bodies are located. But it will take detective work, high-tech engineering and the help of the trench maps that once guided troops into battle to confirm his suspicions. On April 9, 1917, the soldiers of the **Canadian Scottish**, wearing their traditional kilts, stepped out of their trenches and into withering German fire. "The initial waves got decimated by the German machine guns," Christie said. "You have to remember that we see Vimy as a victory, but even the units that did very well, out of the 600 attackers, maybe 80 to 100 got killed," he said.

Pte. William Johnstone Milne, 24, of Moose Jaw, Sask., was awarded a Victoria Cross, the highest honour for military valour, for his Easter Monday heroics in taking out enemy guns during the attack. "Crawling on his hands and knees, he succeeded in reaching the gun, killing the crew with bombs and capturing the gun," reads the citation. Milne then repeated his heroics by taking out a second gun, showing "bravery and resource" that saved lives. He was killed soon after capturing the second gun. In the days following the attack, burial parties moved across the ravaged terrain, churned and laid bare by relentless shelling, with the grim task of gathering bodies. The large craters that pockmarked the landscape served as ready-made graves. And it's in one of those craters where some 44 soldiers of the **Canadian Scottish** were collected and buried, the site marked with a cross, given the name CA40 and marked on a map. The bodies were supposed to have been exhumed after the war and moved to a proper cemetery for burial. But Christie has found no evidence they were ever relocated. Instead, Christie thinks the missing

men of the **Canadian Scottish**, including Milne, Leitch and the others, remain where they were first buried, several kilometres south of Vimy between the villages of Neuville-Saint-Vasst and Thélus. "We had the map reference. That's when we started checking out the battlefield," Christie said.

In a field tilled by local farmers, Christie found a circular, slightly depressed patch, the reminder of a battlefield crater of nearly a century ago. He believes the bodies are about nine metres below the surface. "You can see in that area there is a series of craters and there's one in the middle that roughly matches the details in the map references," he said. With this preliminary work done, Christie now needs the help of engineers and ground-penetrating radar to look for the telltale signs of mass burial. If the search reveals a grave, he will then need resources for the actual dig. Christie, an author and documentary maker who has profiled Canada's war action in television series such as King and Empire, relates the tale of the Canadian Scottish soldiers in a documentary titled The Missing, part of the The Great War Tour series that will air this spring on TVOntario. Christie says Canada has a duty to ensure the missing soldiers get a proper burial. "Even after all this time, you have to fulfil your obligation to these people," he said. Christie is certain any dig would turn up some bodies as well as dangerous, unexploded bombs. That's because even before the Canadian offensive, this terrain had been the scene of fierce fighting and horrific losses. "You're going to find all sorts of stuff. You're in a no man's land that is one of the most severe battlefields of the war," Christie said. But the question is

whether the search will reveal the soldiers of the **Canadian Scottish**. He praised the support so far from local French officials, including the mayor of Thélus, local police and the bomb disposal squad, whose assistance will be essential to take away the ordinance. Canada's department of national defence has a casualty identification program but only gets involved once remains have been reported and identified as likely being Canadian. While the department is reviewing the evidence that Christie has given them, "to date there is no confirmation that there are any remains at the CA40 site," spokesperson Jessica Lamirande told the Star in an email. "There is currently not enough information on a potential grave to support an investigation at this time. However, if remains are found and identified as likely being Canadian, the department would engage," she said. Today, the missing men of the **Canadian Scottish** have no grave. Instead, the tribute to their deaths is the soaring memorial atop Vimy Ridge. Their names are among the 11,285 names carved into the monument's Croatian limestone ramparts, all soldiers who went missing in action in France and have no known graves. "What would be very important would be to recover the bodies for 2017, the 100th anniversary, and have a new cemetery dedicated," Christie said. "Millions of Canadian families have Great War roots. It's part of everyone," he said.

**Note from the editor-**  
**14 Hunters are listed on the Vimy Ridge memorial and can be found at -**<http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead.aspx?cpage=1>

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### **Things to Remember for this year's Fergus Highland Games** (*This is a repeat from last year, but a worthwhile reminder*)

1. Book your room at the Holiday Inn Guelph Hotel and Conference Centre. Clan Hunter members get a special room rate if they say they are with Clan Hunter when booking. <http://www.higuelph.ca/guelph-hotels/>
2. Buy your Fergus Games tickets in advance and save. They have many options including single day tickets, weekend passes, and family passes for Sunday. <http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com/>
3. Use the Clan Tent! In addition to the public tent with display tables and information stands, Tom and Christine set up a tent for Clan use. They have a few extra lawn chairs and snacks, but you can leave your own lawn chairs and picnic lunch while you walk around, or just come in to get out of the sun or rain for a while.

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## Five things you should know about the Canadian Census

Long-form? Short-form? Mandatory? Voluntary? So much to know, so little time.

The census begins on May 2 this year and some Canadians may find the process a bit confusing given recent changes to the national tally. Set yourself up for census success by separating fact from fiction with these myth busters:

1. **The census is mandatory.** All Canadians must complete their census questionnaire, either online, through the mail, in person or by phone. The mandatory long-form census replaces the previous voluntary household survey, as of November 2015.
2. **There are two types of census questionnaires.** Three out of four Canadians will receive a short-form census with 10 questions, while one out of four will receive a long-form census with 60 questions. The short-form census provides basic household information such as address, marital status and number of children, while the long-form census digs deeper into things like citizenship and immigration status, ethnic background, birthplace of parents, education, income, housing, child care and other support payments, and employment status.
3. **The census measures more than just the number of people in Canada and where they live.** Data collected from the census are used to make life easier for people and the communities where they live. For example, things like traffic congestion, overcrowded schools or new or improved hospitals and retirement centres can all be addressed using information from the census.
4. **Your information is protected.** Everything you report is kept confidential and is protected by law. Your identity gets separated from your information and is never attached to it again. Take note of the secure access code on your census letter from Statistics Canada, which you should receive on or around May 2. This code is one of the measures in place to ensure you can securely complete your census questionnaire online.
5. **The results of the census are released in 2017.** Data from the 2016 Census will be released in a very timely fashion. The first data release (for population and dwelling counts) is scheduled for February 8, 2017.

The actual questions, and other information, about the 2016 Census can be found on the Statistics Canada website.

## The census and you

### What is a census?

In Canada, a census is taken every five years. The next census will be held in May 2016 and will provide a statistical portrait of the country and its people.

In Canada, it is mandatory for all residents to participate in the census. This includes Canadian citizens, landed immigrants, refugee claimants, and people who hold a work or study permit.

### How is the census taken?

Each household will receive instructions about the census in early May 2016. At that time, you can decide if your household will complete a census questionnaire online or on paper.

### What happens to the information that I provide?

The information that you provide will be kept confidential, in accordance with the *Statistics Act*. Your information may be used by Statistics Canada in support of our other surveys, or for analysis. No one outside of Statistics Canada can have access to information that identifies individuals.

### Who must complete a questionnaire?

In Canada, it is mandatory for all residents to complete the census questionnaire. Information on whom to include in the questionnaire can be found on the census website and on the questionnaire itself, in the section "Whom to include in Step B".

If you think there might be person(s) in your household who should *not* complete a census questionnaire, call the Census Help Line at 1-855-700-2016, starting May 2, 2016.

### How are my responses used?

Your responses to the census are added to the responses of everyone else who lives in Canada, to compile statistics that help communities plan services such as day care centres, schools, health care, language classes, police, fire protection and residences for senior citizens.

### Why should I participate in the census?

You, your family and your community benefit from the census. When you participate in the census, it means better information for your community.

There is also a law in Canada that says you must complete the questions asked in the census questionnaire. This law, the *Statistics Act*, also ensures that your census information is kept confidential.

### We depend on you!

Completing the census is both a civic responsibility and a legal requirement for all people living in Canada. When you complete your census questionnaire, you continue a tradition that goes back 350 years—from a few pioneer villages in 1666, to today's large and prosperous country.

### What if I need help?

Starting May 2, 2016, you can call the Census Help Line (CHL) at 1-855-700-2016, Monday to Friday between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., or Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., if:

- you need help completing your questionnaire or want information about the census
- someone in your household would prefer to complete a separate questionnaire
- you need more than one questionnaire for your household
- you want a new census questionnaire, or a questionnaire in French
- you want a copy of the questions in a language other than English or French.

The CHL is a free service and is available in many languages.

# Dr. Nadine Hunter Scottish Youth Heritage Fund

## Purpose

The purpose of the Dr. Nadine Hunter Youth Heritage Fund is to assist young people in pursuing activities that support their Scottish heritage. Activities may include, but are not limited to, dance or music lessons or competitions, travel expenses to activity, entrance fees for activity,

## Administration

The fund is administered by the Youth Heritage Fund Committee of Clan Hunter Canada.

Decisions for the distribution of the fund will be made prior to the Annual General Meeting of Clan Hunter Canada. The names of successful applicants will be presented at the AGM for approval and will be published in the Fall newsletter.

## Conditions of Disbursement

- Each year, up to three (3) bursaries of \$100 each may be awarded to successful applicants.
- Applicants must be 18 years of age or younger.
- Preference will be given to first-time applicants.
- Applications must be received by the committee by July 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year.

## Expectations After Receiving a Grant

Photographs and a summary of the activity will be submitted to Clan Hunter Canada in a timely manner. This enables your story to be shared with the Clan.

## Send your request for an application form to

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### or by email to

e-mail [thunter01@rogers.com](mailto:thunter01@rogers.com)

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### ***Do we have your current e-mail address?***

Whenever I send out a mailing via e-mail I can be sure of 1 or 2 addresses which fail because they are no longer valid. Unfortunately many of our members forget that when they change their e-mail address or service provider they need to send

us a change of address just as they would for their regular mail. Please don't forget to bring us up to date if you change your address (e-mail or postal) Even if you have your newsletter sent by regular mail we would appreciate having your e-mail address so that we could keep you up to date with information that can't wait till the

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# Clans And Scottish Societies Of Canada

Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Festivals: Canada

Spring & Summer 2016

This listing was compiled by our webmaster and is updated regularly on our website: [www.cassoc.ca](http://www.cassoc.ca) Information is provided for reference only. Please contact organizers of the event for up-to-date information. CASSOC cannot be held responsible for any errors that may occur. Member events are **highlighted**. Please Support Our Members!

Mar 4-17	<u>CelticFest Vancouver</u>	Vancouver, BC	<a href="http://www.celticfestvancouver.com">www.celticfestvancouver.com</a>
Mar 26	Winnipeg Scottish Festival	Winnipeg, MB	<a href="http://www.winnipegscottishfestival.com">www.winnipegscottishfestival.com</a>
Mar 31	MY AIN COUNTRY: Traditional Scottish Songs of Exile and Emigration	Vancouver, BC	<a href="http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/my-ain-countrie-scottish-songs-of-canadian-immigration-tickets-21608232806?aff=ebrowse">www.eventbrite.ca/e/my-ain-countrie-scottish-songs-of-canadian-immigration-tickets-21608232806?aff=ebrowse</a>
Apr 2	<b>CASSOC Tartan Day Ceilidh</b>	Toronto, ON	<a href="http://www.cassoc.ca">www.cassoc.ca</a>
Apr 8	<b>St Andrew's Society Toronto</b> Tartan Day Dinner Ceilidh Dance	Toronto, ON	<a href="http://www.standrews-society.ca">www.standrews-society.ca</a>
May 21-22	Regina Highland Games	Regina, SK	<a href="http://www.saskhighland.ca">http://www.saskhighland.ca</a>
May 21-23	Victoria Highland Games	Victoria, BC	<a href="http://www.victoriahighlandgames.com">www.victoriahighlandgames.com</a>
May 28	Kingston Scottish Festival	Kingston, ON	<a href="http://www.kingstonscottishfestival.com">www.kingstonscottishfestival.com</a>
Jun 11	Georgetown Highland Games	Georgetown, ON	<a href="http://www.georgetownhighlandgames.com">www.georgetownhighlandgames.com</a>
Jun 11	Grande Prairie Highland Games	Grande Prairie, AB	<a href="http://www.gphighlandgames.com">www.gphighlandgames.com</a>
Jun 18	<b>Cobourg Highland Games</b>	Cobourg, ON	<a href="http://www.cobourghighlandgames.ca">www.cobourghighlandgames.ca</a>
Jun 18	BC Highland Games	Coquitlam, BC	<a href="http://bchighlandgames.com">http://bchighlandgames.com</a>
Jun 30-Jul 7	Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo	Halifax, NS	<a href="http://www.nstatattoo.ca">www.nstatattoo.ca</a>
Jul 1	Embro Highland Games	Embro, ON	<a href="http://www.embrohighlandgames.ca">www.embrohighlandgames.ca</a>
Jul 1-3	<b>Kincardine Scottish Festival &amp; Highland Games</b>	Kincardine, ON	<a href="http://www.kincardinescottishfestival.ca">www.kincardinescottishfestival.ca</a>
Jul 3-10	Antigonish Highland Games	Antigonish, NS	<a href="http://www.antigonishhighlandgames.ca">www.antigonishhighlandgames.ca</a>
Jul 18	Orillia Scottish Festival	Orillia, ON	<a href="http://www.orillia.ca/en/visitorillia/festivalsandevents.asp">http://www.orillia.ca/en/visitorillia/festivalsandevents.asp</a>
Jul 29-30	Glengarry Highland Games	Maxville, ON	<a href="http://www.glengarryhighlandgames.com">www.glengarryhighlandgames.com</a>
Jul 31	Montreal Scottish Festival & H G	<u>Parc Arthur-Therrien</u> QC	<a href="http://montrealhighlandgames.qc.ca">http://montrealhighlandgames.qc.ca</a>
Aug 12-14	<b>Fergus Scottish Festival &amp; Highland Games</b>	Fergus, ON	<a href="http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com/">www.fergusscottishfestival.com/</a>
Aug 27	North Lanark Highland Games	Almonte, ON	<a href="http://www.almontehighlandgames.com">www.almontehighlandgames.com</a>
Sep 3-4	Canmore Highland Games	Canmore, AB	<a href="http://www.canmorehighlandgames.ca">http://www.canmorehighlandgames.ca</a>
Sep 3	Calgary Highland Games	Calgary, AB	<a href="http://www.calgaryhighlandgames.org">http://www.calgaryhighlandgames.org</a>
Sept 3-4	<u>ScotCon 2016</u>	Edinburgh, Scotland	<a href="http://www.scotcon.scot">http://www.scotcon.scot</a>
Oct 7-15	Celtic Colours in Cape Breton	Sydney, NS	<a href="http://www.celtic-colours.com">www.celtic-colours.com</a>

# Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games

**Aug 12-14 2016**

Preliminary plans include

- Fergus Tattoo & Lighting 6.45pm Friday 12Aug 2016 Fergus
- Fergus Highland games 7.00am Saturday 13Aug 2016 Fergus
  
- Clan Hunter AGM 5.00pm Saturday 13Aug 2016 Holiday Inn 601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph
- Dinner 6.00pm Saturday 13Aug 2016 Holiday Inn 601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph

*[\$32.00 Adult - \$29.00 Seniors - \$16.00 children (5-12) 4 and under free]*

- Kirkin' o' the Tartan 10.00am Sunday 14Aug 2016 St Andrew's Presb. Church Fergus
- Fergus Highland games 12 noon Sunday 14Aug 2016 Fergus

Why not plan to attend this special gathering

Stay over in the Fergus area

Enjoy the Games - Hang out at the Clan Tent

Join in with other Hunters in the Clan Parade - 11.30 am on 13th

Enjoy the fabulous Celtic Music

Meet some old and new Clan friends

Attend the Kirkin' of the Tartan

in St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Fergus

10 am Sunday morning

Share your genealogy with other clan members

Check out the Fergus Highland Games website

for up to date information

<http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com>



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## Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Annual Clan Gathering 12-14th August 2016

Yes I/we will be attending the Tattoo & Lighting on Friday 12th August

Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_

Yes I/we will be taking part in the parade on Saturday 13th August

Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_

Yes I/we will be attending the dinner on Saturday 13th August

Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_

Yes I/we will be attending the Kirkin' o' the Tartan on Sunday 14th August

Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



# Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Notice of Dues for July 1st 2016 to June 30th 2017

This is a gentle reminder that a new season is upon us and now is the time to renew your membership in the association.

If you have already renewed your membership, we thank you sincerely and please kindly ignore this reminder. If not

perhaps you would like to fill in this note, add a cheque for \$30 and pop it in the envelope provided.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No. CHAC \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheques should be made payable to Clan Hunter and mailed to the Clan Hunter Association treasurer at:

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