

Hunters' Halloo



From the Editors

Happy winter everyone! I hope you are all staying cozy and warm. As we were starting to make preparations for the Fergus Highland Games this year in our house (exciting year as our Chief is visiting!) and we were doing the annual "try on your kilt and pass it to the next in line if it doesn't fit" we discovered we need some new kilts. We wondered how many others may be in the same boat. Kilts can be a great cost, especially if you have more than one in the family needing them. When my daughter was dancing, there was a wonderful community of used kilt exchanges and we wondered if we could do the same at Clan Hunter. We would like to propose having an area in the newsletter and on the facebook page, where you can post a picture and price for a used Hunter kilt and/or accessories. Those looking for kilts could contact the owner and arrange shipping and payment, or send in a separate post stating what they are looking for. Please send your information to Lizz and Lynn through email or facebook and we will get this started up!

Lynn & Lizz



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From the Clan Officer, Tom Hunter

Greetings Clanfolk, my goodness this is shaping up to be a very exciting year for Clan Hunter Canada. First we have the Clan Gathering at Hunterston scheduled for September 2020. We gave you some information about that in our last newsletter and I know some folks are busy making plans for a trip of a life time. However not everyone is able to do that and it remains on their “One Day” list. Which brings me to the next exciting thing happening in Canada, and that is our Clan Chief is visiting us in August and will be attending the Fergus Highland Games. Again of course,

Canada is a huge country and not everyone will be able to travel over here to Ontario and join us. But we are trying to make Madam Pauline as available as we can and give everyone as many opportunities to meet her as we can. So we will have an open house in London, and the 3 days of Highland Games at Fergus which will include an opportunity to join with Madam Pauline in a Restaurant in Guelph. Final arrangements are still being worked out so lookout for more information. Something I would like everyone to do is, if you are contemplating being a part of any of these events, would you please let us know here at “Clan Hunter Canada Headquarters”. I’m not looking for any definite commitment as yet just a little help in our planning. Could you do that? It’s going to be a great year.

One last thought from me. I want to encourage you to attend one of the Highland Games in your area and celebrate your heritage. We will update our website at Clanhuntercanada.com with the Games where you can expect to find Clan Hunter represented. If you want to be one of our representatives that’s even better and we want to hear from you.

Tom



Connections Corner by Lizz Hunter Thibodeau

Grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles. Extended family can be so important. Many cultures believe that it takes a village to raise a child and the actual birth parents of the child are not the primary carers. One culture I have read about believes that the child is cared for by the parents for the nine months that the baby is in utero. Once the baby is born, it is the responsibility of the village to look after its upbringing.

Last year, a friend of mine finally, after eight years in Canada, succeeded in emigrating his wife and seven children from the Democratic Republic of Congo. While he had been here on his own, he had been living in a two-bedroom apartment. Obviously, that was not going to be sufficient for a family of nine so three of the daughters moved in with us. We instantly became aunt and uncle – positions of high esteem in Congolese families - to the seven children. In the spring, my friend’s niece also moved to Canada with her husband and two young children. We became aunt and uncle to this couple as well, which made us ... grandparents to their children. We learned that there is no such relationship as “great aunt” and “great uncle” in the Congo; all of the grandparents’ siblings would also be considered grandparents.

This difference in family relationships has intrigued me. I have spent a considerable amount of time on-line trying to find information about the family structure in the Congo, or even in Africa. I’ve Googled the role of grandparents, great uncles, family relationships, fictive kin and many other related topics, but what I’ve found is a surprising lack of information.

As February is Black History Month, we went with our extended family to an activity at our local library, featuring dancing, singing, storytelling and other activities. We had a wonderful time, but it started me thinking about how privileged we are to be able to trace our ancestry, however far back we are able to get. Many countries have no such records. And much worse, many black people were torn away from their families to be sold into slavery. If you are trying to research a line that includes slavery, here is an excellent article: www.pbs.org/genealogy-roadshow/genealogy-tips/slave-research/. If, on the other hand, you are trying to research a line using a vast array of online resources, well-documented sources, systematic censuses, and standardized birth, marriage & death certificates, stop for a moment just to appreciate just how rare and special that is.

Membership Report—Winter 2020



We ended the year 2019 with a total of 14 new members. That sounded like a record to me – so I checked back over the past 5 years and here is what I found:

- 2019 – 14 new members
- 2018 – 7 new members
- 2017 – 5 new members
- 2016 – 13 new members
- 2015 – 3 new members

So although we also had a good year in 2016, it was still a very good year. I wonder if the added attendance at Highland Games across the country had an impact on our new membership. What do you think? Consider taking a moment to let me know what made you join our Association?

New Members:

We have had 6 new members since my last report, 3 in 2019 and 3 in this brand new year 2020.

Danielle Hunter from Mont-St-Hilaire in Quebec joined us last November. Danielle also took out a membership for her son as a surprise Christmas gift.

Corentin Hunter of course also hails from Mont-St-Hilaire in Quebec.

Rebecca Hunter joined us in December. Rebecca lives in Upper Stewiacke in Nova Scotia.

Into 2020 now:

Robert Hunter from Cobourg, Ontario was our first new member in 2020. Robert became a new Hunter Clan member on the 12th January

Next came **Richard Hodgson**, who hails from Navan in Ontario. Richard joined us on the 15th January.

And last, but certainly not least, we welcomed **Ronald Hunter** to our Association on February 9th. Ronald lives in Chatham, Ontario.

We welcome all these new members and hope that they will find what they are looking for with the Clan Hunter Association of Canada.

Membership Dues: I would like to thank all those members who have taken the time to pay their dues for the current year. Please try to make an effort to stay current – this is the only way we can run an active and successful Association. I will be sending out notices to those who have still not paid for this current year – so please consider catching up before the annual fees are due again at the end of June.

Christine Hunter, Membership Secretary

In Memorium

Josephine Spates

One of our older members passed away last year. **Josephine Spates** was one of our US members, but joined the Canadian Association because her roots were in New Brunswick, and many of her family members from that Province were also members. They were a very close knit family. We celebrated some of Josephine's birthday with photographs shared with us by her family.

Josephine passed away last June, just one month before her 110th birthday! Truly a wonderful life, fully lived. Our sympathy is with her family and friends.

Thomas Leslie Hunter

At the Hamilton General Hospital on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at the age of 73 years. Beloved husband of Joyce (Hanna) Hunter, and the late Janice (Cherry) Hunter. Loving father of Brian (Jodi), Neil (Melanie), and Mark. Loving grandfather of Chelsea and Nicholas. Son of the late Edgar & Florence Hunter. Brother of David and Clayton (Brigitte). Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. There is a beautiful memorium written at

http://www.rhbandersonfuneralhomes.com/cms/obituaries/thomas-hunter/?fbclid=IwAR1jj1_H09j3i86YmmgwzPoX3B7IHuzLM6imnmbvXe5gAyYIWAYxZNxIFnA

Tom will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends

From Clan Hunter UK

Clan Hunter International Gathering

September 4th to 6th September 2020

Friday 4th September 2020
11am till 4pm

Hunterston Castle Tours by Madam Pauline 11am till 4pm.

From midday, try your hand at Archery with the Ancient Society of Kilwinning Archers.

Evening From 7 pm Seamill Hydro. Madam Pauline, Clan Chief and Graham, Macer Venatorus and our Honoured Guests will be in the Aura Room at the Seamill Hydro if you wish to join us for a chat.
If you intend to eat here please book in advance.

Saturday 5th September 2020
11am till 4pm

Madam Pauline and Honoured Guests will be at the Clan Hunter stand at the Largs Viking Festival from 11 am till 4 pm.

Clan Dinner 7 pm for 7.30 pm Separate booking.
West Kilbride Masonic Hall, Arthur Street, KA23 9EN

Three Course Dinner with a local band to play for us. Madam Pauline and Honoured Guests will be ushered in by the Piper. Menus and booking are on our website at www.clanhunterscotland.com

Sunday 6th September 2020

Watch ASKA competing in the field in front of Hunterston House.

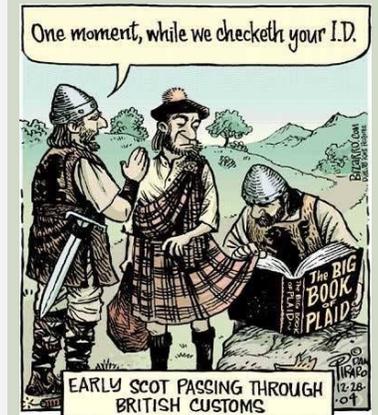
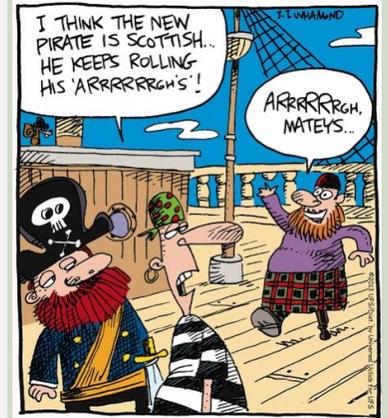
Castle Tours by Madam Pauline from 11am till 2pm Shop Open 11am till 2pm

Full program and booking details available at <https://clanhunterscotland.com/>



From the Clansfolk—stories of our family

Happy 80th birthday to Mida Betty!
What a wonderful celebration with family and friends!



Clan Hunter Association, Canada

This newsletter is for members and friends of Clan Hunter Association, Canada. If you have an important event in your family's life that you'd like to share, please send us a photo or two and a brief explanation of what you are celebrating. Graduations, new babies, birthdays, retirements, if you're celebrating, we'd like to know!

From the Clansfolk—stories of our family

My search for Hunter ancestors

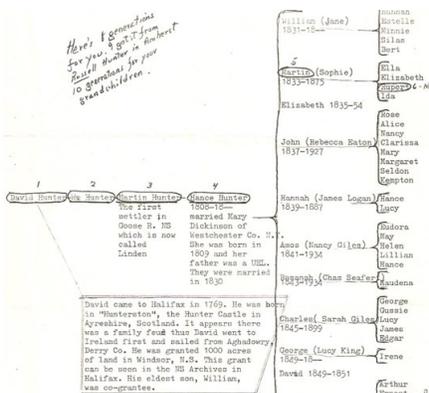
I head “home” for two weeks each year, that being in the Moncton, NB area where my brother lives and I grew up. In June 2018 I spent a wonderful sunny day looking in the Cumberland Co. NS area for a cemetery in Linden, the Linden Hillside Cemetery. I found it and found the grave of Hance B. Hunter (among many other Hunters), father of Rupert Hunter, my great grandfather. Rupert was the father of my grandmother, Mabel (Hunter) Stewart. Her mother, Rupert’s first wife is buried in NB. Later that summer, when visiting my daughter in Calgary, I went to the Burnsland Cemetery and saw Rupert’s grave. I can’t say why he is buried in Calgary but I am guessing it is because he and his second wife moved there. Perhaps she was originally from Calgary.

After doing more research over this past year, when I went to the Maritimes in October of 2019, I was now in search of my “original” Hunter ancestor, the first to live in Canada. David Hunter, his wife and three sons left Aghadowey, near Londonderry, Ireland in 1769 on a ship headed for Philadelphia. The ship was wrecked off that big sandbar, Sable Island. After being rescued they decided to settle in NS and did so in Ardoise, near Windsor, NS. He is buried in the Old Parish Burying Ground in Windsor. I wandered through that burying ground, searching for the Hunter name. After nearly giving up, I discovered a small fenced in area....where every name on those stones was “Hunter”!

Having found the graves I was searching for, my next search was for the property in Ardoise, NS that had been granted to David and 3 of his sons in 1785 by King George III. They were granted 1850 acres (yes that much!) “on the road to Windsor”. Between the land title description and google maps, my brother and I found the wonderful piece of property they were granted. I have to say Nova Scotia Archives was extremely helpful in my research.

Genealogy is such fun! Next step....trying to find out if “my” Hunters are actually originally from Hunterston, Scotland, a fact passed down by my ancestors. But is it true or a dream?

Janet (Stewart,) Lindstrom, Kenora, ON



where my search began, a small family tree.



Many Hunters buried here in Windsor, NS



The gravestone of one of David’s sons, Ludowick found in The Old Parish Burying ground.



I purchased this book last year. It was printed in 1966 and is difficult to find. Try googling “Worldcat”

75th Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games



Haste ye Back

August 7 – 9, 2020

Scotland... without the airfare!

**Come one,
Come all,
to the 2020
Fergus Scottish
Festival and
Highland
Games!**

We are so excited to have Madam Pauline joining us this year! Please make every effort to attend. The parade of clans will be on the Saturday before noon. There will be a dinner organized for the Saturday evening for all who can attend to meet, chat, and socialize with our Clan chief and fellow clan members.

Madam Pauline

