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Member of Clan Hunter

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Happy New Year everyone.



As I write this we are in the middle of a snow storm here in London, Ontario. For the last three weeks I have had house guests from Scotland who's main wish was to see something of what real snow is like. I guess they are getting their wish tonight. It seems a long way from a long warm summer and the last Games at Fergus and pretty much the same from the Clan Gathering in Scotland later this year, but it is not far away at all and if you are thinking of attending you should be making your arrangements now. The programme for that weekend is shown on page 2 of this newsletter and although it is not completed yet, you can check for updates at www.clanhunter.com Accommodation should be secured now and for those who love doing things by computer you can access The Scottish Tourist Board site at www.visitscotland.com/accommodation/?view=Standard (if you receive this by e-mail, just cut and paste these addresses into the address bar of your favourite browser, otherwise copy them by hand)

Of the top ten questions I am asked as Clan Officer, I would say 9 of them have to do with genealogy. With that in mind we have put together a page of genealogy information in this newsletter, (my thanks to Lizz Thibodeau). We hope that you will find it useful in your search for your extended family. If there is anything that you would like to see in the newsletter please don't hesitate to ask. We can't guarantee anything but we will at least listen and do our best to help. If you have something you would like to share then we would love to see that too. In the meantime we hope you are enjoying the newsletter and we would love to hear from you. It would be nice to have a page of reader's comments, don't you think? Why not drop me a line.

Tom

Clan Officer - Canada

New Members

We have had a very good year, membership wise, in 2003 and would like to welcome ten new members. Five of these new members are from the Ontario region. Two are from Montreal, one from New Brunswick and two from the States. It is good to welcome new members and we hope that you will become involved in the Association, attending your local Highland Games, and attending our yearly AGM at Fergus – if that is possible. We would like to encourage you to send in your thoughts on anything Scottish, or family orientated, or just of plain interest to your others friends in the Association, for inclusion in the quarterly newsletter.

(Christine Hunter, Membership Secretary)

Welcome:

<i>John Alexander Hunter</i>	<i>Hamilton, Ontario.</i>
<i>Brooke Hunter</i>	<i>Toronto, Ontario</i>
<i>Donald Fraser Hunter</i>	<i>Ottawa, Ontario</i>
<i>Eleanor M. Lowe</i>	<i>Scarborough, Ontario</i>
<i>John Harold Reid</i>	<i>Hagersville, Ontario</i>
<i>M. Elizabeth Hunter</i>	<i>Montreal, Quebec</i>
<i>Gail P. Chase</i>	<i>Barrington, New Hampshire</i>
<i>Josephine A. Spates</i>	<i>Danvers, Massachusetts</i>
<i>Agnes Davidson</i>	<i>Tracy, New Brunswick</i>
<i>Nicholas Mofford</i>	<i>Montreal, Quebec</i>



International Clan Hunter Gathering 2004

The following info is supplied by the UK branch of Clan Hunter.

The Program for the Gathering is shown below, please note that this is subject to change, but will cover the timescale shown.

Friday 6th August

10.00am Registration commences

11.00am Throughout the day there will be demonstrations of Blacksmithing and other Ancient Crafts. Some hands on included.

12.00am Buffet Lunch

1.00pm

1.30pm Opening Ceremony with Clan Pipers
Welcome address by the Clan Chief.

2.30pm Falconry Display

3.30pm Blacksmithing and hands on ancient crafts

4.00pm Tea

6.00pm Setting up of Medieval encampment

7.00pm Buffet Supper

8.00pm Clan Introductions and Stories

Saturday 7th August

10.00am Archery competition (continuing during the morning)

10.30am Tours of Medieval Camp

12.00am Clan Pipers

1.00pm Buffet Lunch

2.00pm Clan Photo

2.30pm Demonstration given by Gaddgedlar with a Medical theme !

3.30pm Tea

4.00pm Finish Archery competition & Demonstration by Gaddgedlar of weapons.

5.00pm

6.00pm

7.00pm Formal Dinner , followed by Presentations by Clan Chief.

8.00pm Something Scottish@ - Music and words

Sunday 8th August

10.00am Religious service, All ministers attending will be very welcome to take part.

11.00am Demonstration of weapons of war- Trebuchet

12.00am

1.00pm Lunch followed by closing address by Clan Chief, Madam Pauline

2.00pm

3.00pm Tea

General Information:Total cost for all the meals listed is £70. During the Gathering there will be Tea and Coffee served with every meal as well as during the afternoon. There will be a bar selling soft drinks at all times and alcoholic drinks before and during meal times.

Please let us know of any special food requirements when booking. This year we have arranged on line booking as well as the usual way by post and telephone.

Christine Scouller is the Gathering coordinator and may be contacted by post; Hunterston Castle, West Kilbride, Ayrshire, KA23 9QG. Telephone; 01294-82- Email shop@clanhunter.info

Eastport Peninsula: St. Chad's Newfoundland & Labrador

Damnably Bay as a place-name first appears in printed form on the Bonavista Bay chart of Holbrook in 1816. It was probably named for bothersome navigational conditions in the days of sailing vessels. Other explanations prevail in local folklore. The name, for example, is often pronounced as “Damn the Bell”. “Damnably” is usually the written version, though a few sources used the name “Dangerous Bay”. The head of the bay contains a comfortably sheltered cove within an area which was once well-timbered, a good place where a few families from Salvage (**Hunter**, Martin/Crisby, Troke) once overwintered and eventually settled. They were later joined by families from Sailors Island (Lane, Moss), Wild Cove (Rogers) and Flat Island (Hiscock). The shore side of the cove is rather rocky and rugged, containing only a few small terraces, gentle slopes and hollows suitable for dwellings and gardens. The relief and physical limitations severely restricted the size of settlement. The name Damnably was changed in the late 1890s to the more pious St. Chad's at the behest of the Reverend T.M. Wilson.

St. Chad's, 1986.



St. Chad's, formerly Damnably, is a secure harbour but has a tricky (some might say “dangerous” or “damnably”) approach and entrance.

The first of the pioneer families of St. Chad's was that of **Thomas Hunter** (1837-1905) and Harriet Crisby (1842-1899). They arrived with sons George and William and daughters Elizabeth Ann, Jessica and Louisa about 1893. Their move from Salvage was recalled by grandson Thomas in the *Stagehead* (1978). He says:

“My grandfather was the first man to come to live here. They lived there in the bottom of the cove ... They had a studded house built like the old people use to have fore now. Well, they lived in her for winter and summer for I don't know how many years. And then they started and built a house here...”.

Hunter related that St. Chad's was then a veritable forest with plenty of timber and firewood but that “about 66 or 67 years ago” the place was burned out with only two houses saved. This was, of course, the same forest fire that ravaged Squid Tickle and Halides Cove in May 1912, an event that was later commemorated in the name Burnside. The fire effectively destroyed the wood resources around these communities. In its aftermath some moved away to places such as Grand Falls. Those who remained relied upon the inshore and Labrador fisheries and supplemented these activities by going to the spring seal hunt or logging away from home. William Martin, for example, the principal local entrepreneur, operated a sawmill at Broad Cove in Newman Sound after the fire and also sent a schooner to Labrador.

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St. Chad's, 2000.

According to Burden merchant ledgers of the 1880s and 1890s, dealers such as Thomas Hunter and John Martin of Damnable and the Hunters (James Sr. & Jr., Joseph and John) of Halletts Cove relied much on wood products (such as



After the fire of 1912 destroyed most of St. Chad's, those people who stayed relied upon the fisheries for income.

bundles of hoops and birch rind, wharf sticks, fire wood, flake longers and railway sleepers) to settle their accounts for food and supplies. Evidently the Burdens acquired a contract to supply wood materials ties during the construction of the Newfoundland Railway. The opportunity to cut railway ties may have been a major reason why both St. Chad's and Burnside attracted families into permanent residence in this period. These same families, however, continued to operate in the fishery during the summer months and most continued to regard themselves primarily as fishermen. By the 1950s a large proportion of the male labour force of St. Chad's and Burnside were engaging as carpenters in

construction around the province. In recent decades Burnside and St. Chad's have been favoured more as places for maintaining second homes and holiday cottages by erstwhile urban dwellers rather than by young couples to raise families. In consequence both have experienced population decline. Burnside's association with archaeological research and interpretation of Aboriginal sites in and around Bloody Reach (the Cowpath) has given this community a new cultural and heritage dimension of some valuable consequence.



Santa has a visit from Mom

Canadian Clan Member Dr Nadine Hunter of Dansville, New York with son Melville (alias Santa)

Tartan Day in Quebec

(Info supplied by Douglas Macfie)



Thanks largely to the work of Lou Dawson of the Sons of Scotland the Province of Quebec has finally decided to recognize and make official April 6th as Tartan Day (not yet a paid holiday)

It would seem that the people of Quebec have decided that the time was right to recognize some of the Scottish contributions to the development of this wonderful province

Canadian Temperature Chart

The following chart was supplied by Nadine Hunter who is an American but who is a members of the Canadian Branch of the Association. Thanks Nadine... this is so funny because for the most part it is quite true.

50° Fahrenheit (10° C)

Californians shiver uncontrollably,
Canadians plant gardens.

35° Fahrenheit (1.6° C)

Italian cars won't start,
Canadians drive with the windows down.

32° Fahrenheit (0° C)

American water freezes,
Canadian water gets thicker.

0° Fahrenheit (-17.9° C)

New York City landlords finally turn on the heat, Canadians have the last barbecue of the season.

-60° Fahrenheit (-51° C)

Mt. St. Helens freezes,
Canadians Girl Guides sell cookies door-to-door.

-100° Fahrenheit (-73° C)

Santa Claus abandons the North Pole,
Ottawa canal opens for skating.

-173° Fahrenheit (-114° C)

Ethyl alcohol freezes,
Canadians get frustrated when they can't thaw the keg.

-460° Fahrenheit (-273° C)

Absolute zero; all atomic motion stops,
Canadians start saying "cold eh?"

-500° Fahrenheit (-295° C)

Hell freezes over,
Leafs win Stanley Cup.

Changing your address?

Don't leave us out in the cold.

Remember to tell us of any change of address, change of e-mail address or change of status (married) so that our records can be kept up to date.



Speaking of New Address



Sonia Madam Hunter of Hunterston

(our chief's mother) has recently moved and would like me to let all her friends in Clan Hunter know. Her new address is....

Sonia Madam Hunter of Hunterston

Balco d'Ordino

Bloc II

No. 7

Ordino

Principat d'Andorra

Newsletter by e-mail

Are you enjoying this edition of the Hunters' Halloo with all the photographs? Can you imagine how much more you might enjoy it in full colour? If you would like to sample what it might look like send me an e-mail at thunter01@rogers.com and type "sample newsletter please" in the content line. I will then send you a sample newsletter via e-mail for you to enjoy without committing you to anything. Should you decide you really like the format you can then send me another e-mail and type "sign me up" in the content line. Don't forget to give me your regular address or membership number so that I can positively identify you. Remember that most of us are Hunters and so first names aren't always enough. Always remember that you can switch back to the regular newsletter at any time.

Omission

In the October issue of the newsletter we ran an article entitled "James Hunter's Dagger Pistols". Unfortunately I did not give credit to Eleanor Mackenzie Lowe, a new member, who supplied me with the information. Sorry Eleanor, how can I encourage people to send me articles for the newsletter if I don't acknowledge them? Eleanor is a second cousin of mine, so I know she will forgive me.

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Ontario Genealogy

www.familysearch.org

The web site for the Church of Latter Day Saints will search the 1881 Canadian Census & various other sources.

www.islandnet.com/ocfa/homepage.html

The Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid is a searchable database of about two million gravestones. It does not include transcriptions but directs searchers to the graveyard of their ancestor and provides information to obtain transcriptions.

www.archives.gov.on.ca

While there are no searchable databases on this website, it gives information on how to obtain vital statistics records. It is also the source of an interlibrary loan system of records (such as vital statistics, court records, education records, school & teacher listings, municipal records, crown land records, immigration records, prison records, county atlases, multicultural newspapers, cemetery transcriptions, records pertaining to aboriginal peoples, genealogies, church records, and various fonds) which can be borrowed into a local library.

www.archives.ca/02/0201_e.html

Most importantly, this site has the 1871 Ontario Census & the 1901 Canadian Census. It also has: Colonial archives, courts-martial of WWI, electoral maps of Canada, home children (1869-1930), immigration records (1925-1935), soldiers of WWI, western land grants (1870-1930), postal archives, and more.

www.archives.ca/02/02012202_e.html

This is the 1901 Canadian Census. It is searchable by region by not by last name. This is a time-consuming but valuable resource.

<http://automatedgenealogy.com/census/index.html>

Some dedicated volunteers have begun transcribing the 1901 Canadian census into a searchable database. While it is not yet complete, it is a good place to try before searching manually.

www.ogs.on.ca

The Ontario Genealogical Society has branches throughout Ontario which undertake projects such as gravestone transcription. Each branch has different resources and can be reached through this web page.

<http://130.15.161.100/census/index.html>

This is a searchable database of the 1871 Census of Ontario.

Fact File

(from The Scottish Tourist Board)

The Internet gives you easy access to a vast of advice and resources to help you with Scottish genealogy research. Some of the most important sites are listed here.

<http://www.ancestralscotland.com>

Visit Scotland's own site, providing a

portal through which you can obtain genealogy and tourism information plus links to other sites.

<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk>

Web site of the Registrar General for Scotland, responsible for the registration of births, marriages, deaths, divorces and adoptions in Scotland, and for carrying out periodic censuses of

Scotland's population.

You can also contact the General Register Office by post, telephone or fax.

General Register Office for Scotland
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<http://www.origins.net>

Pay per view on line service provided on behalf of the General Register Office. An essential resource for on line genealogy research.

<http://www.safhs.org.uk>

Scottish Association of Family History Societies.

The Association is the parent body for organisations interested in Scottish family history and acts administratively for them. Mr. A Macleod, Secretary
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The Society aims to promote researching Scottish family history. It collects, exchanges and publishes material relating to genealogy. It does not undertake professional record searching although it will issue a list of members who are professional searchers. Scottish Genealogy Society
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