



Crest Badge of a Member of Clan Hunter

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Dear Clan members,

THE CLAN WEB SITE HAS BEEN MOVED. Our new Clan web site is to be found at: www.hunterclan.co.uk. This site has become available and many of you have said that you would prefer to have us known as the Hunter Clan. Please adjust your links.



Welcome to a bright New Year to members old and new. The 900th Gathering last July seems very distant now. However, the winter months are coming to a close and at Hunterston spring is in the air, with snowdrops in full bloom and the daffodils and bluebells are appearing already.

My thoughts are turning to the next Hunter Clan Event, which will be in 2009. We have to plan early as Edinburgh gets very booked up in the summer, so on your behalf I have agreed that the Hunter Clan will be taking part in the International Gathering of all the Clans in Edinburgh on July 25th and 26th 2009. I hope those who can, will get involved. We have reserved a tent and I would like for us to have a display from each Clan Association. I am proud that the Hunter Clan is going to be involved in this wonderful celebration to cement ties with other Clans. It is important that these traditions are enjoyed and the Hunters are counted amongst those that value our Scottish cultural heritage and traditions. I hope that these celebrations will show younger generations that keeping up the tradition of being of Scottish is important for our passing on what we value in being Scottish.

There are many events planned for this wonderful celebration of our culture and kinship. We will have the opportunity to march with other Clans down the Royal Mile and join in other events during the weekend. For complete information on the weekend please go to the website at www.clangathering.org.

I have booked The Royal Scots Club for our Clan Dinner, and it will be held on Thursday evening, 24th July. Menus will be posted on the Clan web site and in your newsletters nearer the time.

I really hope that many of you will be able to come and show the strength of the Hunter Clan.

Pauline



Hello everyone, Well, I must confess that I feel like a bear coming out of hibernation, but when I see all this snow still around I just want to go back to bed. It may be my imagination but it feels like it has been a long winter. However we have much to look forward to and spring is just around the corner. Christine and I will be returning to Scotland again in May for three weeks to attend a couple of family functions but we will be back in plenty of time to once again enjoy the Highland Games circuit and represent Clan Hunter. Our Chief, Madam Pauline has in her letter to the clan, encouraged all clan folk wherever possible, to become involved with the International Clan Gathering in Edinburgh in 2009. I would like to add

my encouragement and in order to give everyone as much information as possible we have included a considerable amount of data from the official Gathering 2009 web site. We appreciate that not all members have internet access and at the moment that seems to be where most/all of the information is being made available. If you do have internet access then you can check out the official site at www.clangathering.org if not, let us know what you need to know and we'll do our best to get you the info. Much thanks to Linda Wing for her submission on her great grandfather and early pioneer James Hunter also Lizz Thibodeau for her article on Onomastics and Christine Hunter with a membership update. Please keep the articles coming. It is always a challenge to fill the newsletter. We love to hear what is going on in your life so write us a note and send us a picture.

Tom

Onomastics anyone?

by Lizz Thibodeau

Most of us have, at one time or another, probably reflected on where surnames come from (the study of onomastics), since Hunter is obviously occupational. Many others also came from the same direction: Baker, Smith, Taylor, Pherson (minister), Wright, Bell, Draper, Weaver, and Miller. Wouldn't it be nice to have the surname "King"! Well, not really. This name tended to be given, either to people who worked for the nobility or, sarcastically to peasants with egos.

Most people know that any name ending in "son" or beginning in "mac/mc" means "son of", so Williamson would be son of William and McDonald would be son of Donald. In Russian, the suffix "ov" was added so Ivanov would be Ivan's son. The prefix "O'" in Ireland actually means grandson. In Iceland, this is still the system for creating surnames so every generation has a different last name.

Some surnames obviously came from personal features: Brown, Black, and White all may have referred to a physical feature like hair, eye or skin colour and Young would be the surname given to the younger of two people with the same first name. Some aren't so obvious. Fox might have been given to crafty people and Lamb to gentle ones. Last names like Winter might have been given to people who were a part of a notable incident during that time.

Other surnames might have come from where people lived: Moore would refer to people who lived on or near a moor. Scott should be clear to most of us: someone from Gaelic-speaking Scotland. Hamilton was the name of a town; Hill, Marsh and Ford seem self-evident, as does Wood (lives near a forest). Sometimes it would be as simple as their home country if someone was a traveller, like French.

So it seems, "What's in a Name?" is a good question for surnames too.



Congratulations

Dr. Julie (Rieger) Nykamp on your graduation from the University of Waterloo with a Phd in Biology-specialty-Enviromental Toxicology Julie recieved a B.Sc in Biochemistry from McMaster University and Masters in Biology from University of Waterloo.

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Welcome to The Gathering 2009

The Gathering 2009 will be one of the major events of Homecoming Scotland.

It is primarily a celebration of the contribution that the clans have made to the culture and history of Scotland, and will be one of the largest clan gatherings ever witnessed. A series of unique events is being designed to commemorate the occasion. It is estimated that there will be over 80 clan tents, with over 7500 clan members from around the world. The Highland Games, that are an integral part of The Gathering, should attract a further 30,000 people over the 2 days.



About The Gathering 2009

The Gathering 2009 has the honour of hosting the 2009 World Highland Games Heavy Athletic Championships. Over the weekend the largest highland games ever to have been held in Edinburgh will play host to the greatest international clan gathering to have taken place on Scottish soil.

Set in the magnificent Royal Park of Holyrood, with its breathtaking volcanic backdrop of Arthur's Seat and Salisbury Crags, it will showcase heavy events such as caber tossing and hammer throwing, accompanied by time honored disciplines such as piping and highland dancing. There will be a host of contemporary musicians, high-quality Scottish arts and crafts and a 'taste experience' of the best of Scotland's produce.

In all, it is a once in a lifetime opportunity to immerse yourself in your Scottish heritage and its rich wealth of traditions.

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Tickets

There are two types of ticket available for The Gathering 2009:

Passports

These are all-entry tickets for the weekend, giving you a place in

the clan parade on the Royal Mile, a seat on the castle esplanade for the clan pageant and tickets to both Saturday and Sunday at the highland games in Holyrood. Passports will be available to purchase online from the end of March 2008, with a pre-booking form available on this page from 26th February 2008.

For more information on the passport please see [About the Passport](#) below.

Highland Games Tickets

Highland Games tickets: Day passes can be purchased for the Highland Games to be held in Holyrood Park. These will be on sale from the end of 2008.

About the Passport

All visitors are welcome to attend the highland games at The Gathering 2009, but there is a special opportunity for clan members and their families to represent the 45 million people



of Scottish ancestry from around the world. By purchasing a passport to this remarkable event, you will take on the role of proud participant, an experience perhaps never to be repeated, and certainly never to be forgotten.

Each commemorative leather-bound passport entitles you to unlimited access to the weekend of highland games and secures you a guaranteed place in the clan march, a place at the clan pageant ...and, indeed a place in history. However, there are only 8,500 passports available, so make sure you buy as soon as they go on sale in March / April 2008 to avoid disappointment.

It is not possible to buy single tickets for the clan parade or clan pageant, these are only available as part of the passport. Passports will be available to pre-order in early 2008 and will be available to buy online in March 2008.

Please note that passports can be bought with immediate effect through our travel providers if bought in conjunction with accommodation.

Passport Prices

All passports include:

- **Entry to both days of the Highland Games in Holyrood Park**
- **A place in the clan parade up the Royal Mile**
- **A seat at the Clan Pageant at the castle esplanade.**

Passport prices are graded bronze, silver and gold and vary in the seating position for the Clan Pageant on the castle esplanade:



£110 - seating in the East stands facing the castle



£95 - seating in the North & South stands



£88 - peripheral seats in North & South stands

Notes on the Passport

It must be remembered that Edinburgh is a capital city and therefore as well as the 8,600 clanspeople who will be taking part in the events on Saturday night we are also expecting large crowds to be watching the parade. The length of the two performances also means that passport holders will not be leaving the castle esplanade until quite late on the Saturday evening.

For these reasons we do not recommend that young children attend the pageant. However, the Highland Games in Holyrood Park is thoroughly recommended for families with children of all ages. Tickets for the Highland Games can be bought in advance on this website (available early 2009) or can be bought at the gate.

Please note that there are no price concessions on the passports.

Travel and Accomodation

To make your trip to The Gathering 2009 as easy and enjoyable as possible you may like some assistance with travel and accommodation. We have therefore selected **6 official tour providers** within the UK who we feel will offer you a very high level of customer service. We have asked them to work with the local hotels to secure the best rates possible so as to make your trip as cost effective as possible.



Scotland is just the most amazing county in the world, with wild rugged landscapes, breathtaking beauty and a history and culture unrivalled; but what does Scotland mean to you? SCOTTISH ROUTES will put together bespoke tour packages for any size of group for any length of time to give you the Scotland of your dreams. We arrange family history tours where we bring ancestors to life, and let you see how the lived and worked. In addition we will immerse you into the culture of Scotland, and can put together whisky tours, golfing trips, or whisk you off to the stunning islands of the north and west.

Remember it's your Scotland!



Scottish Ancestral Trail offer fully customized tours of Scotland. We specialize in incorporating your Scottish family history, or family name, into your tour.

With luxury accommodation and chauffeured transport, these vacations allow you to step back into your ancestors' world in style and comfort, while visiting historic properties and experiencing the scenery for which Scotland is famed throughout the world.

We work with your family history information or commission it for you. With our extensive network of genealogy professionals and local historians we bring your history to life - you may even discover some relations you never knew you had!



McLean Scotland

Showing you the nooks & crannies others pass on by

The Gathering, Edinburgh 2009

McLean Scotland; a tour company specialising in individually designed vacations. We are professional, friendly people working with you ensuring you see exactly what you expect & some of our own favourite 'nooks & crannies' other companies pass by. We offer self drive, driver/guided tours for any number covering all of Scotland. We know

the hotels and restaurants, we recommend hidden hotels and castles. Your Clan tour can include battlefields, castles, historic sites, a private whisky tasting, Scottish storyteller and time for a drink with the locals! Our dedication to detail and personal attention is renowned. Let us show you our Scotland.



Perfectly tailored touring holidays of Scotland's castles, culture and clan lands

The Gathering 2009 will be an unforgettable event. One that you'll tell your grandchildren about: "Not since 1822 has there been a parade of pipers and clansmen up the Royal Mile like the one we took part in ..." But whilst you are here, and in that spirit, surely you should experience all that you can of your own heritage? Take the opportunity, either before or after the Gathering, to see your clan castles (and not just those that are open to the public), to walk in your clan lands and to wander quietly in the graveyards where your ancestors may be buried. Meet some local people. Perhaps you will explore on your own with a package of information assembled by us. Perhaps you will choose to be guided by someone who will explain the history and tell you the stories. Either way, you will return home fulfilled, having glimpsed what went before. If this is what you would like to do in 2009, we are the people to make it happen for you. We arrange

trips for couples, families, or groups of any size. We have been doing this for years. We take great care. And we look forward to hearing from you.

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Cashel Travel Ltd is proud to be chosen as the official accommodation provider for The Gathering 2009. Since our formation in 2000, we have organised numerous Clan trips around Scotland and so we are delighted to be involved in this prestigious event. From our head office in Edinburgh and our offices in London and Dublin, we provide a professional handling service to individuals, groups and businesses. Please feel free to contact us for all your trip requirements. As well as accommodation, we would be pleased to arrange any other requirements you may have. We can arrange tours, transport (including car hire) and guides throughout Scotland to make your trip memorable.



Discover your Scottish connections in 2009 with Ancestral Roots Travel - the specialist company for travellers exploring their roots in Europe.

We offer fully customised private group tours for clan or family associations, as well as self-drive or chauffeur drive

trips if you plan to travel in a smaller party or family.

Besides creating a tailored itinerary for you to visit those places connected with your past, we provide the full range of travel arrangements for your time in Scotland from accommodation, transport, and guides through to meetings with historians, visits to archives and other unique services.

Tell your story

As you can imagine The Gathering 2009 is attracting a great deal of interest from broadcasters here in the UK.

Producers are particularly keen to make documentaries following some of those travelling hundreds or even thousands of miles to celebrate their heritage with us.

They are looking for passionate people who have an interesting story to tell and a knack for telling it in an interesting fashion! In other words, people with real character.

We are keen to help them in their search and ask now for your assistance. Do you know of anyone in your society who fits the bill? We would need them to send us a picture of themselves, a brief email telling us their story and perhaps even a short video of themselves.

We would then shortlist candidates and pass their contact

Stories from Scotland

Burke and Hare

William Burke lived from 1792 to 28 January 1829. His partner-in-crime, William Hare, lived from (probably) 1792 to 1859. The two are almost always paired together, being known simply as Burke and Hare. They achieved their infamy in an age when it was common for body-snatchers or "resurrectionists" to steal freshly-buried bodies from graveyards to sell them for dissection or anatomy lectures in medical schools. Burke and Hare took this to its, for them, logical conclusion: cutting out the tiresome business of digging up corpses by murdering carefully selected victims so their bodies could be sold

William Hare came from the northern part of Ireland, and he emigrated to Scotland to work as a navy on the construction of the Union Canal. Moving to Edinburgh, he became the common-law husband of Maggie Laird, and the two established a boarding house in a squalid tenement in Tanners Close off Edinburgh's West Port.

William Burke was born in southern Ireland. In about 1817, after trying various ways to earn a living, he abandoned a wife and two children and emigrated to Scotland. Here he took up employment, first as a navy on the Union Canal, where he probably first met Hare, and later as a labourer, weaver, baker and finally a cobbler. By 1827 he was living with his mistress, Helen MacDougal, in William Hare and Maggie Laird's lodging house.

details on to our chosen production company.
anyone interested should send their submissions to
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N.B. Time is of the essence!
Many thanks
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In the early 1800s there was only a very limited legitimate supply of cadavers for medical schools to use in the study and teaching of anatomy. At a time when medical schools were rapidly expanding, demand rose quickly, and a widespread industry developed, disinterring fresh corpses from graveyards for sale to medical schools who rarely if ever asked any questions about their origin. These body-snatchers or resurrectionists became widely feared and hated, and many churchyards still contain watch-houses from which fresh graves were guarded, or mort-safes in which fresh corpses were locked until they had decayed beyond the point body-snatchers would be interested, before being buried. Burke and Hare's involvement

began in November 1827, when an old army pensioner called Donald died in the Tanners Close lodging house, owing Hare and Laird £4 in unpaid rent. Burke and Hare removed the body from its coffin and sold it to a private anatomy school run by the eminent Edinburgh anatomist, Robert Knox, for £7. Having found a lucrative market, Burke and Hare now considered ways of supplying it. Conveniently, another tenant of the lodging house, Joseph the Miller, was sick. Rather than wait for him to die, Burke and Hare plied Joseph the Miller with whisky, then suffocated him before selling his corpse to Knox.

This exhausted the ready supply of residents of the lodging house, so in February 1828 Burke and Hare offered accommodation to Abigail Simpson, before getting her drunk and smothering her, then carting her off to Knox's anatomy school. Because her corpse was so fresh, Knox paid Burke and Hare £15. Another tenant of the lodging house followed; then a woman invited into the house by Maggie Laird.

Next, Burke brought two prostitutes to the lodging house, Mary Patterson and Janet Brown. Brown left after an argument erupted between Helen MacDougal and William Burke, and when she returned, she was told that Patterson had left with Burke. Next morning some of Knox's medical students recognised Mary Patterson on the dissecting table, presumably because they had used her services. The grisly spree continued. Further victims included a beggar woman called Effie, who earned them £10; a woman who Burke had "saved" from the police by vouching for her character; an old woman and a deaf boy who they sold for £8 each; Burke's acquaintance Mrs Ostler; and Helen MacDougal's relative Ann MacDougal. They were followed by

the elderly prostitute Mary Haldane, and then her daughter Peggy Haldane, when she tried to find out what had happened to her mother. Mary Haldane was well known in the area and (finally) suspicions began to be voiced about Burke and Hare. Their next victim was even better known, a young man known as Daft Jamie. Several of Knox's students recognised him. Knox denied that the corpse was Daft Jamie, but unusually commenced

identify clothing found at the lodging house as belonging to Mary Patterson. Despite all this, the case against Burke and Hare was not watertight, so Hare was offered immunity from prosecution if he confessed and agreed to testify against Burke (who had, according to Hare, committed the actual murders). His testimony led to Burke's execution on 28 January 1829. Burke's body was then made available for dissection, and some of his skin was allegedly used to



the dissection on this face. In early November 1828, Burke and Hare killed their 17th and final victim, Mary Docherty. Her body was discovered hidden under a bed in the lodging house by two lodgers, James and Ann Gray. Helen MacDougal tried to prevent them going to the police by offering to pay them £10 per week: they reported what they had found anyway. Burke and Hare removed (and sold) Mary Docherty's body before the police arrived, but told inconsistent stories about her when arrested: and then Docherty's body was found at Knox's anatomy school.

The case was reported in the Edinburgh papers on 6 November 1828. The prostitute, Janet Brown, went to the police, and was able to

bind a book now on view in the museum of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

Hare was released, and is said to have been blinded during an attack by a lynch-mob, later dying as a beggar in London. Helen MacDougal was released, almost lynched, and fled to Australia, where she remained. Maggie Laird was also released, and fled to Ireland. Robert Knox was not prosecuted, despite a public outcry against him. Unable to continue working in Edinburgh, he moved to practice medicine in London. More widely, Burke and Hare's activities resulted in the passing of the Anatomy Act 1832, which expanded the legal supply of medical cadavers and eliminated the incentive that had led them to murder 17

Pioneer - James HUNTER

Biographical Sketches of Early Settlers of Wellington County



*Information from: Historical Atlas of the County of Wellington, Ontario.
Toronto: Historical Atlas Publishing Co., 1906*

HUNTER, James (d.), was b. Berkshire, Scot., in 1830, and d. 1890, age 60. He came to Canada and to Luther in 1857, and purchased the present homestead of 100 acres, lot 10, con. 14. At that time it was all bush, and there were no roads. He paid \$1.50 per acre for his land, which is now assessed for \$4,000. Unfortunately, he did not live to see the great development of the country. He was held in the highest esteem by the community, and in the early days was appointed Justice of the Peace, holding the position until his death. He was also School Trustee, and established the postoffice at Egerton, where he was Postmaster. He took an active part in politics, being a Liberal of the old school. In religion he was a Presbyterian. He left a record behind him which is a matter of pride to his children. He married. Grace Thompson, who survives him, and is now married to John Moore, and living retired at Mt. Forest. Issue: Robert E., Luther; Andrew, Mt. Forest; James, Rebecca, at home; Mrs. F. Moore, Arthur Tp.; Mrs. Wm. Duncan, Luther, and Garfield, at home. James works the homestead, and carries on mixed farming, feeding most of his grain and keeps thoroughbred Durham cattle. He is very successful and much respected.

This article taken from: Historical Atlas of the County of Wellington, Ontario. Toronto: Historical Atlas Publishing Co., 1906 was sent to me by Linda Wing of Fergus. Linda is the great grand-daughter of the Pioneer James Hunter and apparently came across the article by accident. Happily learning some information of which she had been previously unaware.



Membership Report

This is by way of a gentle reminder that we need to receive your dues each year in order to run the Hunter Clan Association.

Part of the yearly dues is sent to Scotland to help with the upkeep of the Castle and a lesser part stays here in Canada to supply funds for:

- The newsletter production,
- Ensuring a presence at some Highland Games during the summer months,
- Booking a venue for the Annual General Meeting each August.
- Any other worthwhile cause that may be suggested at the AGM.

We also use some of these funds to help entertain our Chief, Pauline, when she visits Canada from time to time.

As of the time of this message we still have a substantial number of delinquent memberships for the year 2007-2008.

If you have not paid for this year, please consider sending your cheque now before next years monies become due. Don Hunter, our treasurer would love to hear from you.

If you have not received your new membership card, then I would respectfully suggest that you have not paid your dues. If you have not received your membership card and know you have paid your dues, please, please contact me so that we can clear this up because mistakes do happen.

Christine Hunter
Membership Secretary.

Nomination of Office Bearers

The Nominating committee will meet at the beginning of May for the purpose of recommending a slate of officers to be presented at the 2008 Annual General Meeting. Nominations should be delivered to the committee by 30th Apr

2008 and should be sent to the Secretary at:
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Incumbent officers are:
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Christine Hunter – Secretary
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