



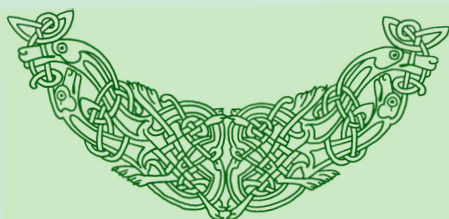
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Newsletter of the Clan Hunter Association, Canada

Summer 2015

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Hello to all Clan Hunter,

Thank you all to everyone who kindly sent condolences to our family on the death of my brother, Nigel. (13th June 1957 – 10th June 2015). All of us have appreciated the kind words and thoughts you sent. Nigel's funeral was very well attended, followed by a celebration of his life by us all at a friend's stables and chalet which Nigel had built. Later that day, to the sound of drums, his family planted an aspen tree in memory of Nigel. His twin brother, John, is planning a suitable memorial seat at Hunterston for Nigel. If you remember Nigel, Jacqueline, his wife has put up a Facebook page called, Nigel KCP Memorial.



I am delighted with all the interest we have had for our Facebook page, Clan Hunter UK,. Thank you everyone for joining us, and thanks are also due to Ron Bogart, Clan Genealogist, for all his help to those of you who are undertaking family genealogies. Please don't forget to send us copies too.

This year Graham, Macer Venatorus and I have been asked to open and be the Honoured Guests of the Largs Viking Festival, a huge honour. This event will bring a lot of good publicity for the Clan not only to the local area but throughout Scotland and of course worldwide through the internet. The Opening Ceremony is on the 29th August and the Festival will be held through till the 6th September and Graham and myself will be attending every day. The Festival has recently been featured with other famous Scottish Events such as the Edinburgh Tattoo in a special volume of "Oor Wullie and the Broons" a famous Scottish cartoon family. If anyone is in the area we will be delighted to have you come to the Festival.

As part of the First World War memorials, Fairlie, the village just north of Hunterston, is holding an Exhibition to commemorate all the Fairlie men who served in the First World War. The research covers both those who were lost and those that survived. They have collected all the original documents which the families had

kept as well as photos, some of which came from the Hunterston Archives. The Clan Chief at that time was the 27th Laird, General Sir Aylmer Hunter-Weston, who had served in the Dardanelles and relieved many towns in northern France.

This year we are starting a new event for the Clan, an Open Day, at Hunterston Castle on Saturday 5th September. I have arranged

for two speakers, Isabel Garrett will give a talk with slides, on the latest information about the Hunterston Brooch. Booking can be done through our web site www.clanhunterscotland.com If any of you are visiting Scotland at this time you are very welcome to join us. I would like to run this event every year alternating with our International Clan Gathering. I

know many of you have been asking about the next date and I will be able to make an announcement at the end of this month.

Many of you have asked for our Clan tartan to be woven again and we now have the Kilt weight in stock, ordering is through our web site at www.clanhunterscotland.com It comes in double width.



Victoria Highland Games

Left: Lianne Hunter of Victoria with friends in costume

Inset: Tom Hunter, Christine Hunter and Mida Lecoq

The Gathering of the Clans at Fergus. Remember this?

Join us and be part of the fun





Join us on a tall ship cruise to celebrate the anniversary of the arrival of Scottish pioneer ship “Hector” which landed in Nova Scotia in September 1773.

The Scottish Studies Foundation invites you and your family and friends to join us on our 24th Annual Tall Ship Cruise on Sunday, September 6 aboard Canada’s largest sailing ship, the *Empire Sandy*

We have arranged to give you a taste of the Scots experience with Peter Campbell on the pipes and are delighted to have Kent Tocher entertain us on board the ship. Kent can best be described as a “one man band” who sings, plays the keyboard, guitar, saxophone, clarinet and harmonica, and is sure to have everyone up singing and dancing. So you don’t have be Scottish to enjoy the event, as it is sure to appeal to all and will be a day to remember.

There will be two cruises: the morning cruise boards at 11 :00 a.m., the afternoon cruise at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$30 for adults and \$5 for children (15 and under). Tickets purchased on day of sail: \$35 adults, \$8.00 children. Food and drinks are available for purchase on board the ship.

The *Empire Sandy* will be docked on the south side of Queens Quay West at Spadina Quay, directly opposite Lower Spadina Avenue, beside the Music Garden.

You can order tickets by mail (see reverse side) or online (www.scottishstudies.com) and should you have any questions or need more information, please contact:

Bill Davidson
416-766-3765
william.davidson@rogers.com

We lookforward to seeing you on board!

THE SCOTTISH STUDIES FOUNDATION TALL SHIP CRUISE ORDER FORM

Event Date: Sunday September 6, 2015

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Scottish Gaelic

I wrote a paper on the Development of Scottish Gaelic when I was in university. I thought it might be fun to revise it into a newsletter article. Hope you enjoy!

There can be a lot of confusion when people talk about Gaelic since Irish Gaelic and Scottish Gaelic are not the same. For my university paper, I studied the six Insular (British) Gaelic languages, their distinguishing features and how they developed to attempt to gain an understanding of the place of Scottish Gaelic within the wider range of Gaelic languages and whether Gaelic could really be considered a viable part of Scotland's national identity. In this article, I'm just going to take a brief look at Scottish Gaelic in relation to Irish Gaelic. There are two major types of Gaelic spoken in the British Isles. (I'm not even going to touch on Continental Gaelic, all forms of which are now extinct). The Gaelic spoken in Scotland, Ireland and on the Isle of Man is referred to as Goidelic, or Q-Celtic. The Welsh, Breton & Cornish languages are called Brittonic or P-Celtic. These languages probably all came from a common ancestor but then developed through different courses. The original form of Gaelic did not originate in the British Isles, but rather somewhere on the main continent. One theory on how the Q-Celtic languages arrived in the region now known as Scotland says that around 500 AD, Fergus Mór mac Eirc of Dál

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



Riata, a Gaelic speaking tribe in north-east Ireland, came to the area of Argyll in the west of Scotland. However, another theory states that a group of Celts, originally from the Aryan race that was located North-west of the Indus, began to disperse across Europe around 2500 BC. These Celts eventually (by the fourth century BC) reached the Orkneys. They may have arrived from the south, traversing the British isle, or from the West, from the Weser and the Rhine by boat. The significance of this theory is that it shows Gaelic spreading from Scotland to Ireland rather than vice versa. This is perhaps a minor detail, but interesting from a Scottish perspective.

It's even possible that both theories are true: Gaelic arrived in Scotland in the fourth century from the mainland and then spread to Ireland. Both languages continued to develop (as languages do) and change and by the time Fergus Mór mac Eirc crossed the water from Ireland 900 years later, he found a race of people whose language was no longer identifiable with that which he spoke and the language was "re-introduced".

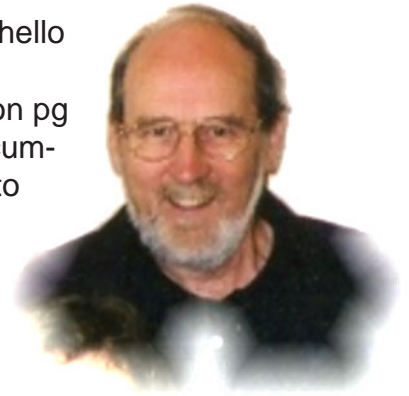
So why is it that these two languages are no longer the same? What has happened since their (possible) reunification under Fergus? Probably

the most influential experience was the Scottish contact with the Vikings. Around the 8th century AD, the Vikings conquered Caithness and Sutherland. There are about 300 Norse expressions that remain in Scottish Gaelic. The Scandinavian sound system is not highly compatible with that of Gaelic, however, so many loan words have been distorted. Many of the Norsemen who settled in northern and western Scotland adopted Gaelic as their language which may have largely affected the pronunciation of Scottish Gaelic. Their presence may help to explain the discrepancies between Irish and Scottish Gaelic. One phonological similarity that is found only in Scottish Gaelic and Norwegian dialects amongst all of the Indo-European languages is the use of "post-aspirated voiceless occlusive after stressed vowels". In other words, only these two languages insert an [h] before a final hard consonant. Another attribute of Scottish Gaelic that is believed to have come from the Scandinavians is the insertion of a [t] into [sr] clusters. Thus sruth becomes struth meaning "stream". The importance of Scandinavian for the Scottish Gaelic sound system cannot be entirely proven; however, the frequent occurrence of Scandinavian runic inscriptions in Scotland shows a definite link between the cultures. A brooch found at Hunterston (yep, I managed to work Hunterston into my university essay) has this Norse inscription on it: Malbripa a stilk which means "Melbrigda owns this brooch". The link between Scottish Gaelic and Norse gives Scottish a different sound from Irish and makes it unique from the other Insular Gaelic languages. So although Irish Gaelic and Scottish Gaelic are both part of the same language family (Goidelic) and both descended from a common source, they have grown into two distinct languages over the centuries, partly because of the influence of the Vikings on the Scottish culture.

Greetings to all my fellow Clansmen and Clanswomen,

It's Highland Games time and time for us to get out and about and say hello to one another. Christine and I have already managed to attend the Georgetown Games and met up with Bill and Joan Jones (see photos on pg 7-8). We had hoped to do the Embro Games but some unfortunate circumstances got in the way. However I would like to make a strong request to those who can make it to the Fergus Games. **Please let me know if you are coming to the banquet as I need numbers to hold the hall.** Please read the membership report below and remember that you can pay your dues on our website via PayPal. Just go here <http://clanhuntercanada.weebly.com/membership.html>

Tom



Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Notice of Dues for July 1st 2015 to June 30th 2016

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 send it off to the address below.

Name: _____ Membership No. CHAC _____ \$ _____

Address: _____

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

Donald R Hunter
138 Sweeney Drive
Toronto, ON M4A 1T9

Membership Report

We have only had 1 new member who joined us earlier this year, so I have no news to give in that area, but I would like you to take a look around your family, and encourage those sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters to consider researching their ancestry, and going one step further and joining the Clan Hunter Association. In doing this they will be helping uphold the history of their roots.

We are now into a new fiscal year for our Association and so I would encourage everyone to tear off (or print) the payment form attached to this newsletter –

and send in your cheque in payment of this year's annual dues. We do have quite a few people who have already paid their dues for the year 2015-2016, so I have enclosed their membership card with this newsletter (e-mail members will get their card in a separate mailing within a couple of days of this newsletter). Where possible, please use your Clan Association membership number when making your payment! This cuts down on the confusion when we have 4 David's, 2 Tom's, 3 Paul's etc I'm sure you get the picture. This number will always appear

on your membership card and usually appears on any address labels we print. CHAC—

If you have a pay-pal account you can pay your dues by paypal. This is a fast, easy and relatively painless way to take care of this yearly duty. Check it out!

Hoping to see as many of you as can possibly make it at the Fergus Highland Games on Saturday August 9th – the parade is at 11.30, and we love to see a strong gathering of Hunter's taking part in this event.

Christine Hunter, Membership Secretary

Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games

Aug 7 - 9 2015

Preliminary plans include

- Fergus Tattoo & Lighting 6.45pm Friday 7Aug 2015 Fergus
- Fergus Highland games 7.00am Saturday 8Aug 2015 Fergus
- Clan Hunter AGM 5.00pm Saturday 8Aug 2015 Holiday Inn 601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph
- Supper 6.00pm Saturday 8Aug 2015 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 9Aug 2015 St Andrew's Presb. Church Fergus
- Fergus Highland games 12 noon Sunday 9Aug 2015 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 8th

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>



Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Annual Clan Gathering 7 - 9th August 2015

Yes I/we will be attending the Tattoo & Lighting on Friday 7th August

Yes I/we will be taking part in the parade on Saturday 8th August

Yes I/we will be attending the dinner on Saturday 8th August

Yes I/we will be attending the Kirkin' o' the Tartan on Sunday 9th August

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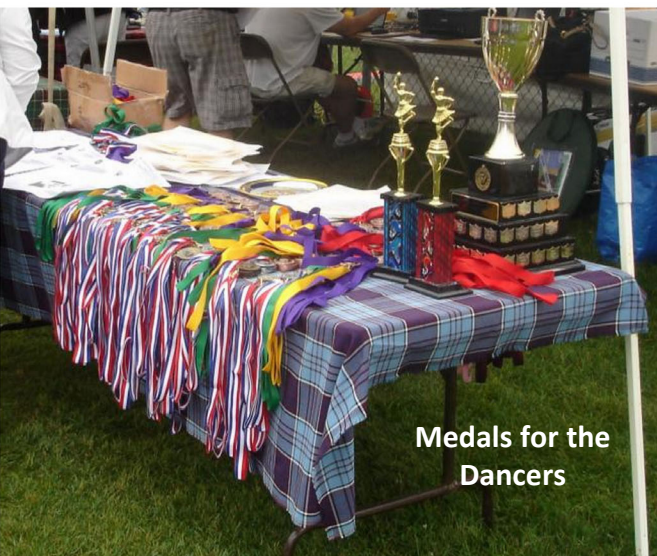
Georgetown Highland Games



The Clans



My Goodness!
Where are the Fashion
Police



Medals for the
Dancers



Bill and Joan Jones
take in the activities.

Georgetown Highland Games



Clan Hunter Tent



The way we were?



Clan Hunter
on Parade with
Bill Jones and Tom Hunter



No Highland event is
complete without Country
Dancing.